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Chaplain's Message



EPIPHANY

The new year has begun and we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany with the rest of the Christian world. Christ is "shown" to the magi who wisely seek the Significant One whose star shines so brightly!

I guess we could consider that star the first GPS device! The scriptures use it as an indication of the illumination which would shine forth from the person whose birth it signifies. We, like them, would be wise to also seek that illumination.

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Grand Knight's Message

Brothers,

HAPPY NEW YEAR !

Hope everyone had a great Christmas. The new year is here and gives us an opportunity to start fresh. I think we all can make a better effort of getting new members. Our council has a lot to offer and we should want to let other Catholic gentlemen know this and encourage them to be a part of it. We tend to get wrapped up in our different events and getting involved in other community affairs but forget to let other Catholic men know what we do . We're constantly looking to each other for help, and while we do a good job of this , we could always use more hands. There are plenty of men out there that are looking to get involved but don't simply because nobody asked them. I'm just as guilty as the next, but, I hope you will join me in spreading the word and growing our council.

Michael Guastella

Grand Knight

(Chaplain's Message)

Every new year presents us with an endless range of possibilities. The direction in which we will travel this year will be determined by what we believe and the choices we make. With the benefit of over two thousand years of Christian teaching, we are at a distinct advantage. We know our Creator revealed in Christ, we know of salvation achieved in Christ, we know of the call to discipleship issued by Christ. Now we just need to follow the plan of God. Sounds simple doesn't it?

Being realists we know nothing important comes easily. We grasp that even with an understanding of the path we should be traveling, the path still contains rough roads. Being in control of ourselves is a first step in moving ahead. Knowing our strengths and weaknesses can help us guard against complacency and foolishness. Seeing the noble company with which we travel can give us confidence and reinforcement in the efforts we make at moving toward greater holiness. In everything we do, however, we must keep our eyes on the star toward which we travel.

As the new year begins let us pray for guidance on our journey, for wisdom in leading our families, for kindness and forgiveness when we make mistakes. Christ came to help us, but we also must help ourselves. Let us seek reconciliation with the Lord if we have been away from the practice of our faith. Let us seek nourishment for the journey in the Eucharist we share. Let us ever keep company with those whose holiness can inspire us and make us more and more aware that God continues to "show" himself through the Love he sends our way.

A Happy and Blessed New Year to All!

2014 Education Awards

The Knights of Columbus St. Thomas More Council #2188 is proud to announce its 2014 Education Award Program. Awards will be made to students who have distinguished themselves in school, church and community. Need factors will be taken into consideration. Children and grandchildren of council members, members of local parishes, as well as other worthy and/or students demonstrating need proposed by council members in good standing are eligible. Last year, **four** scholarships of \$1,000 each were awarded. **As members of the Knights, please look around and reach out to those truly worthy of this award.**

Completed applications, letters of recommendation and any other supporting materials should be sent by March 30, 2014 to: Knights Of Columbus, 40 Crest Street, Westwood, NJ 07675, Attn: Anthony Fiorica. Email: triumvar@aol.com.

Thank You and God Bless.
Anthony Fiorica
Education Chairman

Joseph F. Lamb Assembly 0665

Wishing all a Happy & Healthy New Year

January 28th 2014 Assembly Meeting @

Westwood Council 2188 @ 8:30 pm

Thank you,

Al Lukievics, FN, PRN,PGK

Calendar for January and February

January, 2014

- 01/14 New Year's Day
- 01/02 General Meeting8:00 PM
- 01/09 Columbian Club8:00 PM
- 01/14 First Degree7:30 PM
- 01/16 Officers' Meeting8:00 PM
- 01/20 Martin Luther King
- 01/25 Texas Hold'em.....7:00 PM

February

- 02/02 Ground Hog Day
- 02/06 General Meeting.....8:00 PM
- 02/09 Children's Animal Show.....2:00 PM
- 02/11 First Degree.....7:30 PM
- 02/12 Lincoln's Birthday
- 02/13 Columbian Club Meeting.....8:00 PM
- 02/14 Valentine's Day
- 02/17 Presidents' Day
- 02/20 Officers' Meeting.....8:00 PM
- 02/02 Comedy Show.....7:30 PM

Save the Date

It is not too early to be thinking about our annual Golf Outing to support the Scholarship and General Charities Funds. The date of Monday, June 9th 2014 has been reserved for our fundraiser at the River Vale Golf Course.

The cost will be held at the same level as last year and we are hoping that members of the Council will support this endeavor.

We can use your help in signing up hole sponsors and soliciting gifts to be given away at the luncheon. Start thinking now about how you can get involved—June is not that far away.

Ray Polomski

FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT

Dear Brothers,

I would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy 2014.

As 2013 comes to a close, a new fraternal year begins for the Knights of Columbus. All of you will shortly be receiving the 2013 dues notice and annual survey of fraternal activity. The future of our council is dependant on this survey being sent back with your dues before the January 31, 2014 deadline. Please be prompt in getting this back to me.

Again, you will notice on the form a request for your current phone number and email address. Last year, I only received about 60% of this information and I hope you can find the short amount of time to fill this out so I can keep the most up to date information on all members. **Please carefully and clearly provide this information.** This personal information will only be used for the “allbrothers” group email reminders and special events, newsletters and if you are needed to be contacted by an officer of the council.

Although our economy has picked up in 2013, if you suffer a hardship in paying your 2014 dues, please contact our Worthy Grand Knight, Michael Guastella at: mlatch1@netzero.net.

God Bless you all and I look forward to my continuing service as your Financial Secretary.

Angelo Restivo,

Financial Secretary

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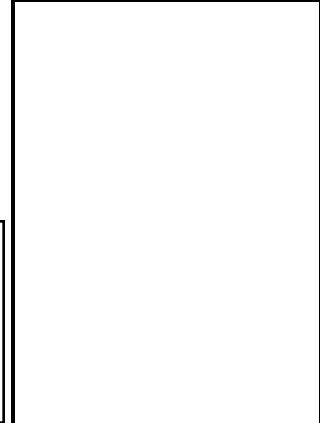
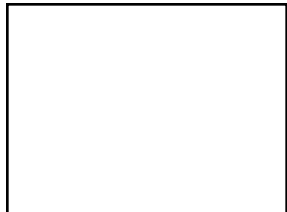
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