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from the grand knight...

Brother Knights:

I am going to borrow a basic idea I heard from Deacon Skinner's sermon a few weeks ago. Yes Deacon I do actually listen to your sermons. And to give you credit, you have come a long ways since your first one.

The Knights of Columbus is like a body. The body has a heart, lungs, brain, arms, leg and many other parts. One part is as important as the other. You need the heart to pump blood, which carries air from the lungs to all parts. You have the brain coordinating all functions to ensure the body moves properly. One interacts with the other. Yes you can lose a part and the body survives but each part is important and serves a purpose. One part may be working constantly and others parts will work as needed.

So how does this pertain to us? Each one of us is an important part to the body of the Knights. We need each other to work. Yes we can do it alone, but if we all work together as one, the body can move forward and accomplish many things. As with your own body, if you overwork one part it will become sore and tired.

The same is going on within our group, some of our parts are being overworked and they will become sore and tired. We need the body to work as a whole. All parts must come together so the body stays strong and can continue to move forward.

I know that I said in the beginning of this fiscal year we do not expect everyone to be involved in everything, but we do need some volunteers. We are seeing the same ones coming forward each and every time. They will get sore, tired, and not want to work. Help out the rest of the body of Knights; step up now and then. Don't always think your other Brother Knight will do it.

God be with you!

Mark Nidzgorski

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Grand Knight

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TO VOLUNTEER FOR ANY COMMITTEE, CONTACT THE CHAIRMAN. WE HAVE AN ACTIVE SCHEDULE PLANNED FOR THE YEAR, AND ALL ASSISTANCE WILL BE GREATLY APPRECIATED

happy november birthday wishes to our fellow brother knights:

daryl anderson
sean asbell
vincent balla
chris barnoud
jim blum

jay g. cotton
ferran b. espin
randy finley
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Chaplain's CORNER

Brother Knights:

Praying for the Dead

We should always pray for our brother knights and their families. In fact, our duty to pray for them does not stop even when they die. During this month of November when the Church reminds us of the need to pray for the dead, we have an opportunity to help brother knights and their families who are in distress even though they are no longer on this earth.

You and I want to spend eternity with God in heaven and so we try to live our lives in a way that pleases God and makes us holy. Unfortunately, we do not always do a good job of responding to God's call to holiness and Christian living. When we fail, we go to Confession and the Lord wipes away our sins and gives us the graces that we need to do better in the future. If we do not ask the Lord's forgiveness and confess our sins, we choose to go to hell. But if we have confessed our sins and asked for Divine Mercy, we will be saved.

God's love is such that he will forgive every sin that we commit. There is no sin that cannot be forgiven as long as we are willing to ask for that forgiveness. Yet every time we sin we damage our relationship with God. Although God forgives us, we must still make satisfaction for our past sins. This is why we must pray, fast, give alms, and do other various kinds of penance during our lives. By doing penance, we atone for our sins and repair what has been damaged by the sins of our past.

If we do not atone for our sins in this life, we will have to atone for them in Purgatory. The souls in Purgatory have a greater joy than we could possibly have on this earth because they have the assurance of going to heaven. But they also experience a greater suffering than we could have on earth because they are not quite there yet and because they know that they do not deserve to be in heaven yet on account of their sins.

We can help the souls in Purgatory by doing penance for them. By praying for them and doing penance for them, we lessen their time of purification in Purgatory. This is why we Catholics pray for the dead. This is why we should pray and do penance for our brother knights and their family members who might be in Purgatory.

We can make prayers for the dead a part of our regular daily prayers. We can also offer a day of fasting for the dead. Any prayers or sacrifices can be offered for the souls of the deceased.

The best prayer that we can offer for the dead is the Holy Mass. Think of anyone of your friends or loved ones who have died, especially fellow knights and their wives. Then stop by the parish office and request that one or more Masses be celebrated for them. The customary donation for each Mass is \$5. But even if you do not want to have a Mass celebrated for them, you can still pray for them. It is the least that we can do for our fellow knights and their wives.

Vivat Jesus!

Fr. James Clark

Fr. James Clark
Chaplain

"The same everlasting Father who cares for you today will care for you tomorrow and every day. Either he will shield you from suffering or give you unfailing strength to bear it. Be at peace then and put aside all anxious thoughts and imaginings."

— St. Francis de Sales

happy belated september birthday wishes to our fellow brother knights:

BRAD BRADLEY
MICHAEL H. DOLAN
ROBERT EDWARDS
TOM FEHRMANN

JACK GRIFFITH
HARRY F. HARVEY III
R. FRANK HESS
ALEXANDER KINTANAR

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RAYMOND H. NEIER
JORGE SCHULZ
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Deputy Grand Knight's Report

Brother Knights, why am I a Knight?

Now that's an easy question. I joined the Knights of Columbus council at Christian Brothers College back in 1976 to party. Plain and simple, the kegs were cold and seemed to last the night. The Casino Night was always a pretty good fund raiser; I can't tell you where the funds went, however.

I left the school, the council, and the church and went my separate way down paths that – looking back – were pretty dark and scary. After many years (okay, make that decades) I decided to come back to the church, and also the Knights. I mean, who can forget the parties, right? The Knights ALWAYS party hard!!

No, we don't. We gather food for those less fortunate. We clean and make repairs at the church and the school. We assist with the Block Party, with the Boy Scouts, and we sing in the choir. We are lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, and deacons. We raise monies for the Intellectually Disadvantaged; we help the Special Olympics annually.

I cannot think of a single ministry in our church that does not have a Knight of Columbus associated within its structure.

So while the question is still an easy one, "Why am I a Knight?" the answer has changed, matured. It is not the partying; it is leaving my family, my community, and my church in a better place than where I found them. It is about helping a brother Knight when he's down and out. It is about being helped by a brother Knight when I'm down and out.

See, didn't I tell you this would be an easy question?

Or is it?

Have a great month and may God be with you,

Bob Hunt

Bob Hunt
Deputy Grand Knight

the fight for life

Brother Knights,

Since all things are for His glory, we are to offer ourselves for that purpose. This of course is in sharp contrast to those who are being swayed by the enemy to sacrifice their babies on the altar of convenience, rather than choosing to surrender their all, including their unborn child, to the Lord for His purposes.

A career, education goals, or even a boyfriend can unknowingly become an idol for some young women. In their minds, abortion is a convenient way to "rid themselves" of an obstacle in the way of their "worship."

In light of the sacrifice Christ made on our behalf, and the fruit of God's mercies on our lives, we owe God our highest form of praise and worship. Presenting our bodies as living sacrifices is therefore reasonable service.

We were made to worship God and God alone. The enemy who seeks worship for himself distorts God's truth regarding worship, sacrifice, idols, and children.

As you have given of yourself to rescue those who are perishing -- the young woman and her child -- you are worshipping God in the truest sense of the word.

May your example lead an abortion minded client to turn from her idols to worship the one true God, sparing her child from the altar of convenience, and sparing herself from a lifetime of regret.

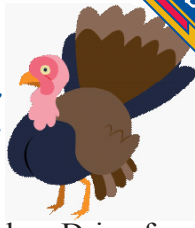
God bless,

John Vetter

John Vetter



turkey time!



Brother Knights,

It is that time of year for teh Squire’s “Turkey Drive for Fayette Care”. Our Squires are committed to collecting 200 turkeys. Each year the Squires struggle to get to his goal. With well over 200 Knights there is no reason we cannot easily surpass that number. Remember, one of our core foundations is charity. So please spread the word and let everyone know about the drive and start looking for that special deal on a turkey Buy one for yourself and buy one for Fayette Cares. Let your neighbors know we are collecting turkeys starting this weekend. Let us show the Squires how we can work together and help them exceed their goals.

God bless,

Gary Tircuit

Gary Tircuit

1st Friday adoration

Brothers,

We need your help in supporting Friday Night Adoration in the St. Joachim chapel. The doors will now be locked (there is a new buzzer installed) at 10:00pm so parishoners will have to be let in. The feedback has been tremendous from those attending Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in support of our commitment. Come and spend an hour with your Lord and Savior. We will be sending out an e-mail for sign-up every 1st Monday.

3:00pm hour of mercy

Brothers,

We will need your help in supporting our new Shrine of the Divine Mercy. Details are forthcoming but this is very exciting news for St. Ann Parish, the Diocese of Memphis and our City! The Divine Mercy Chaplet and Most Holy Rosary are being prayed every day at 3:00pm in the chapel. Please show your support for this emerging ministry.

VESPERS & DIVINE MERCY

Brothers,

What better way to end a long work day? Come join St. Ann parishioners in the Chapel for 20 minutes every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at 5:40 pm for evening prayer followed by a divine mercy chaplet with Adoration continuing till 10:30 p.m.

CATHOLIC FAMILY FOCUS

Brothers,

What better way to bring Jesus into our family life than by gathering with other Catholic Families for an evening of prayer and fellowship followed by a great meal! There are several CFF groups at St. Ann, please contact Bryan Watson for more information

the BOAT IS FULL! NIGHT FISHERS ARE HERE!

Brother Knights,

Can’t make the 6:00 am Fishers of Men meetings? Now you can join the men of St. Ann in the Chapel every Tuesday evening at 5:40 p.m. for evening prayer, divine mercy, study and fellowship. We dismiss promptly at 7:00 p.m.! Bring a friend! Come join us.

REMEMBER...

Life IS hard, PRAY HARDER!

“Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be men of courage; be strong.”

1 Corinthians 16:13



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membership

Brothers,

I have three questions I'd like you to consider.

- 1. WHEN** was the last time you attended a Business Meeting?
- 2. WHAT** was the last Knight event that you attended? (DONUTS on Sunday morning doesn't count)
- 3. DO YOU** have a name tag?
... and do you know where it is?

If you've answered "NO", or "I CAN'T REMEMBER" then, Brothers, it's time to come back home and visit old friends and make new friends. All I'm asking is that you give us TWO HOURS a month. Who knows what doors may open to you? That new job may be waiting for you. That new customer you're looking for might be at the next business meeting. A 4th for your golf outing might be available this weekend.

TWO HOURS A MONTH – we can make a huge difference in our parish and community if everyone reading this gives just TWO HOURS.

Vivat Jesus!

Bob Hunt

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St. Ann Catholic Church

"...the righteous gives and does not hold back." - Proverbs 21:26

ALL we have belongs to God.
Stewardship is not how much of **WHAT I HAVE** do I give,
but how much of **WHAT'S GOD'S** do I keep?

Remember, God knows whether
we're 'holding out' or 'holding back'!

happy belated october birthday wishes to our fellow brother knights:

ROBERT BOSI
John L. Cheek
Deacon Jack R. Conrad
BARRY E. CUMMINS
Dennis H. Demarco

Joey Falanga
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