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East Hanover Council 6504

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Grand Knights Message:

Brothers, as we continue our preparation to celebrate the birthday of Jesus Christ, having lit three advent candles by now. We reflect back on a baby born in a stable, lying in the manger (not a crib) wrapped in swaddling and being loved by a Mother, Mary who was chosen by the Lord to bear His beloved and only Son. We also remember Joseph, his father. This is the most joyous time of the year. Let us enjoy and reflect back on how we remember Christmas, when we were young and how this has affected our lives today.

******* Urgent help is needed *******

Ushers are still needed to serve at the Christmas and New Years Day Masses

Please call me as soon as possible to let me know what Mass you can assist at. It is extremely important that we have enough ushers for all Masses.

Your assistance will be greatly appreciated.

Since, the last newsletter, the council has completed various events. Let me summarize them and fill you in on the details.

We had 203 attendees for our 50's dance. Thanks, to Chris Virginio and Tony Giuliano for co-chairing. Thanks also to Peter Esposito and John Stabile for helping out with the selling of the tickets. Thanks also to John MacTaggart for help in the kitchen, Joe

and Maureen Carvagno for their hard work in checking, collecting and accounting for all the tickets at the door and to all of the brothers that helped to set up and clean up afterwards.

On November 24th, our Council hosted a First Degree, which included 24 new candidates. Our Council had 7 new brothers and I would like to welcome them. They are Ron Corey, Michael DeSantis, James Giordano, Andy Liebhauser, Peter Napoli, William Rush and Gregg Taylor. Welcome brothers to our council, you have just joined the greatest fraternal organization in the world. I would like to also thank our First Degree Team for their usual outstanding job. The First Degree Team Captain is Chris Virginio. Other members of the Team are, Barry Halloran, Bob Dunderman, Joe Carvagno, Joe Pasqarosa, Neale Baxter and Joe Cusano.

On Sunday December 7th, we hosted Santa's arrival at town hall. We gave out more than 218 gifts and served more 20 gallons of hot chocolate. Thanks to Des Brennan and Larry Colasurdo for co-chairing and getting the gifts from Target. I would also like to thank Tony Giuliano also gracious enough to get some additional gifts from the Parsippany Shop-Rite. Thanks also to all the brothers who worked as Santa's helpers and to those

brothers who helped make and serve the hot chocolate.

On Wednesday December 10th, we had our annual Christmas party. We were joined by Father Tony, Deacon Vin, Deacon Bob and Deacon Marcin. Unfortunately Father Owen had not made it back from his Aunt Shelia's funeral in Ireland. We had 49 brothers attend and the food was excellent. Thanks to Tony Giuliano for making the arrangements.

On Sunday December 14th, the Knights were also involved with various other groups from town in distributing energy efficient light bulbs. The program called Project Porchlight, in connection with the NJ BPU and ONECHANGE Organization. We delivered compact fluorescent light bulbs to various neighborhoods, that not only save money, but use less energy and last for five to seven years. Thanks, to Larry Colasurdo for suggesting this project. Also thanks to Neale Baxter, Bob Furlong, Rich Truzzolino, George McDonald and Ray Patnode, who along with myself delivered the bulbs.

Please remember to check out our website at www.kofc6504.org. Thanks to John MacTaggart and Mike Massiello for doing an excellent job in getting it up and running. Please note, if you prefer to get your newsletter electronically, you can sign up on the website.

Thank you for making this a successful first six months of our fraternal calendar.

The next event coming up is set for either Saturday January 24th or Saturday January 31st, where we will again host "The Men of St. Rose," with Deacon Vin. We are in the process of getting a speaker and will be announcing it soon. Again, this promises to be a day of renewal and friendship. Please mark your calendars for this event.

Wives Appreciation will be held on Saturday February 14th at Ravello's Restaurant. Larry Colasurdo, Rich Truzzolino and Tony Giuliano have agreed to co-host the event. More details to follow.

We also will have our St. Patrick's Dinner/Dance on Saturday March 14th in Fahey Hall. We will also be having our Super 50/50 drawing that evening. Also look for more details.

Our meeting for December 22nd has been cancelled.

Our next meeting will be Monday January 12th, 2009. Hope to see you there.

On behalf of my family I would like to wish everyone and their family a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Here is this month's quote:

"You're alive. Do something. The directive in life, the moral imperative was so uncomplicated. It could be expressed in single words, not complete sentences. It sounded like this: Look.

Listen. Choose.
Act.”...Barbara Hall

Fraternally yours in Christ,

Ron

FROM THE PULPIT:

Passionate Christianity

... because you are luke warm-nether hot nor cold – I am about to spit you out of my mouth.

REVELATION 3; 15-16

Nothing in all creation is more significant to God than the soul of a human being. It is the seat of affections where love and true worship flow. Who and what will possess peoples' affections are of great concern to the Father. We were made in his image and likeness, fashioned and uniquely designed for His holy purposes. God would not send His beloved Son to die for anything in all creation except priceless, eternal human souls,

God designed the human soul to be passionate, and committed. That is the way the soul functions best. It sinks into restlessness, boredom, passivity and frustration if it has nothing worthy of giving it self to or sacrificing for. In other words, if we have nothing to die for, then we have nothing to live for. God intended our souls to be captured, consumed and enthralled with Jesus. Our highest development and greatest fulfillment lie in worshipping Him, and serving Him with abandonment that will sacrifice everything...

As an inheritance, God the Father has promised the Son a church filled with believers whose spirits are ablaze with affections and adoration for Jesus. The Father will never insult or sadden His beloved Son by presenting him a church (the bride of Christ) that is bored, passive, and compromising.

Passionless Christianity, so common today, is no threat to the devil. . Focused on concepts and activities to the neglect of heartfelt affection and obedience to God, it brings no pleasure to Gods' heart. It doesn't even bring pleasure to the believer. But true Christianity sparks a flame in the human spirit it ignites with holy fervency for Jesus.

Mike Bickle, *Passion for Jesus*.

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Birthdays:

Happy Birthday! To all Brother Knights.

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| Michael H. | Gibbons | 12 | 1 |
| Michael | Lomio | 12 | 10 |
| Vito | DiAntonio | 12 | 11 |
| Martin | Keating Jr. | 12 | 12 |
| Joseph | Mantineo | 12 | 14 |
| Francis | Falivene | 12 | 16 |
| William | McCarthy | 12 | 19 |
| Edward H. | Correale | 12 | 20 |
| Joseph A. | Carvagno | 12 | 20 |
| Eugene | Nostrame | 12 | 25 |
| Kevin C. | Gardiner | 12 | 25 |
| Joseph | Forlenza | 12 | 26 |
| Raymond | Serra | 12 | 30 |

IN NEED OF PRAYER:

Good of the Order:

Prayer does work so please pray for the following that are in need. Prayer does work!

For the Repose of the Soul of Skeila Byrne Aunt to Father Owen Maran.

Father Owens, Father – Lives in Ireland, Past Grand Knight Larry Colasurdo mother Marie, Dolores Angelo Mother of Ron Angelo, Debbie Edson Daughter of Des and Ann Brennan has two babies Kayliegh , 3 Special Intentions, Anthony Stabile Brother of John Stabile, Nancy Stabile, Genny Malgeri, Diana Rickert, Kevin and Joan Gardiner, Jack Citarelli, and Marie Citarelli's daughter Andria Ottaiano, Vivian Baxter Mother of Neal Baxter, Al Lasso, Doris Friedholm, Rick Friedholm Dad, John Librizzi, Angie and Charlie Del Fava, PGK. Joe Larena, Tony Giuliano's Sister Mickey Gingelski, and Gary Howanic Husband to Judy Gingeleski, Delores Di Antonio wife of Vito Di Antonio, Henry Smolen, Father of Charlie Napoli, of C&L Towing, Al Rosania, Karen Brown, Carmen Malgieri, Irene Holmes, Sheila Gallo and for baby Cara Guerine, Mike Ganinni, Ernie Esposito, Philip Esposito, Balnjina Fernandoz, Chris Knapik and Rose Knapik wife of Andy Knapik, Nick Rello, Pat Manna, R. Barton PGK, Anthony Fiscetti, Linda Miele, Friend of Peter Esposito and Jean George Mannor, Micheal Tria, Terry Pizzano Dorthy Sikora John Hoffman, John Spain, Angela Cavado, John Dunderman, Al Rosina, Special intentions. Barbera Gassner, Joann Musso, Josephine Musso, Clara Sodowski, Cora a friend of Barry Halloran

Pray for our troops that are in harms and are protecting our way of life in These United States. Pray that God will grant them safe return to their families. Pray for everyone's, "Special Intentions" - **and we mean everyone. God must be Infinite the proof is that he does listen to each and everyone's intentions and then with his unique senses of each individuals need handles all problems in ways we could only hope to understand.**

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