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East Hanover Council 6504

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Grand Knights Message:

Brothers, I want to thank you again for the confidence in allowing me to serve as Grand Knight and my brother officer's to serve in their similar roles again. We appreciate the opportunity to lead and serve you for the coming year.

As we go forward, I would like us to embrace the NJ State Council Knights of Columbus theme for 2009 – 2010. It is "Recapture The Dream, To Serve, Not To Be Served." As we have done in the past, I know we as Brothers, will continue to serve. So let's remember this as we start our new fraternal year. Your officer's and myself have started to plan out the next six month's worth of activities which I invite every brother to attend at least one activity.

Some of the activities planned for are:

- Clam Bake
- Installation Mass
- Comedy Night
- Columbus Day Parade
- Membership Drive
- 50's Dance (November 14th)
- Deceased Brothers Mass and Widow's Dinner
- Santa's Arrival
- Annual Christmas Party

I would like to also thank everyone who participated in the "Dine Out" at Applebee's in late June. The Council received a check in the amount of \$ 70.33. I would like to know if you think we should be doing this on regular schedule, like once a month. Please let me know either way.

I will be meeting with Father Owen to set the actual dates and I will let you know them in future newsletters. Our plan is to have the installation mass after the 7:30AM Sunday Mass during the summer months and have a coffee and bagels right after the installation ceremony.

I am also looking for new directors. The Council is in need of a Programs Director and Newsletter Editor. If you are interested or would even like to help out, please let me know.

If there is an activity in which you feel the council should be doing, please also let me know what it is and we will be happy to discuss it with you.

We will continue to have the same District Deputy as we had last year. District Deputy George Coppola, from the Whippany Council, he has done an excellent job and we will continue to support him as our Worthy District Deputy. He will be at our second meeting of the month (fourth Monday of the month meeting).

Our Councils Large Screen TV is in need of a good home. We figure the best way to find it a home is to run a free raffle for the TV. For those interested please come the Clambake and let's have some fun raffling it off as a door Prize.

In this edition of the Knightly Newsletter is an Order form for new Council Shirts-Jackets - Hats Should you want to buy any of these Shirts or Jackets please be prompt in returning your order forms To Ron Angelo or Tony Giuliano these items are quality long lasting moral boosters for your KofC Council 6504 - values well worth your investment.

Now let me tell you about some of the upcoming activities that we have scheduled:

- CLAM BAKE on Monday August 10th at 6:00 PM at Fahey Hall (The Gym). This is our regular meeting night; however, we will be starting early. We will have hot dogs and hamburgers as well as CLAM'S anyway you want them. Please try to attend and bring a guest. The cost is just \$ 5.00 for a 50/50 chance.
- COMEDY NIGHT – “A MOCK WEDDING CEREMONY” featuring UNCLE FLOYD and starring TUBBY TUBELLO AND MEMBERS OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL # 6504 ACTING CLASS - On Friday October 2nd at 7:00 PM at the Hanover Manor. Hot and Cold Buffet, Wine, Beer, Soda and Dessert. Tickets are \$ 60.00 per person. Mark your calendars now and more details to follow.

I also want to mention that our fraternal Order was founded by a priest, Father Michael J. McGivney and we knights make every effort to support the priests of our parish and diocese. This year, Pope Benedict XVI, declared this the “Year for Priests.” This provides us a perfect opportunity to honor and support to the priests who have given so much to us.

We should also offer moral support and prayers to our seminarian, Cristian, who is here until the middle of August.

This year Supreme Council has based new membership on “7% Net” of our membership. What this means is that in order to qualify for the Star Council Award, we would have to bring in 15 new members. Last year we brought in 10 new members (our quota was 11). So this year we have to be a little more active in getting new members. Remember, the only way to get new members is to ask them to join.

If we don't ask, they will not know about our great organization and what good things we do for the church and the community.

Please remember to pray for all the sick and in distress, especially for Father Owen's father Jim Moran.

I now want to end with prayer that I came across some time ago and some of you might have seen it before. It was given by Rev. Joe Wright of the Central Christian Church, to a new session of the Kansas Senate. This is what he said:

Heavenly Father,
We come before you today
To ask your forgiveness and
To seek your direction and guidance.

We know Your Word says,
'Woe to those who call evil good'
But that is exactly what we have done.
We have lost our equilibrium
And reversed our values.

We have exploited the poor and
Called it the lottery.

We have rewarded laziness
And called it welfare.

We have killed our unborn
And called it choice.

We have shot abortionists
And called it justifiable.

We have neglected to discipline
Our children and called it
Building self esteem.

We have abused power.
And called it politics.

We have coveted our neighbor's possessions
And called it ambition.

We have polluted the air with profanity and pornography
And called it freedom of speech and expression.

We have ridiculed the time honored values of our forefathers

And called it enlightenment.

Search us, Oh God, and know our hearts today;
Cleanse us from every sin And set us free.

Amen

Fraternally yours in Christ,

Ron

FROM THE PULPIT:

BreakPoint Commentaries - From the pulpit

Blessings in Tough Times

By Chuck Colson

3/30/2009

This is an example of how God can work in our world; we have to continue to look for his blessings. After all he works through us! Deacon Bob

Rediscovering Community

For years I have prayed that God would do whatever it took to get our attention to turn us from false idols and back to Him. If the current economic meltdown is an answer to prayer, God is certainly getting our attention.

Like everybody else, I find myself squirming. My personal retirement plan has taken a hit and our ministry, like so many others, has to cut its budget.

As bad as things are, I've also seen good things emerge. Christian friends tell me unsaved acquaintances are increasingly asking about their beliefs. Many Christians themselves are rethinking their priorities. Americans, maybe, are relearning important lessons: the need to lean on God,

depend on one another, and to create a sense of community the kind we forget about in our affluence, but which I remember from my childhood.

I grew up during the Great Depression. Few complained about hardships; we were too busy helping worse-off neighbors. And we're seeing the same attitudes develop today. For instance, when a Texas woman recently lost her home to foreclosure, she cried as she watched it auctioned off. Observing her, another woman impulsively bid on the house, won, and then gave it back to its original owner a total stranger.

Why did she do it? Her answer was, People need to help each other, and that's all there is to it.!

Other Americans newly on tight budgets are discovering that it's much nicer to eat a home-cooked meal as a family than to grab a burger somewhere. Others are opening their homes to adult children who can no longer afford their own apartments and enjoying family life once more.

Another surprising benefit of renewed community spirit is that history tells us crime rates will go down. An extensive study by Harvard University, the University of Chicago, and the Kaiser Institute, found only one reliable predictor of crime rates in a community: whether it had, or lacked, a strong sense of community values and a

willingness to impose those values on public space, what researchers called community cohesion. Crime was low in neighborhoods where people felt free to discipline neighborhood kids caught skipping school or scrawling graffiti on walls.

Sociologist James Q. Wilson found that, contrary to conventional wisdom, crime always drops in hard times. The Depression pulled families together, and this cohesion inhibited crime, he writes. It also lessened divorce, as Mike Gerson noted in the *Washington Post*. Many Americans adopted a set of moral and economic habits such as thrift, family commitment, savings and modest consumption that lasted through their lifetimes and that have decayed in our own, Gerson writes.

Finally, a 2007 study by professor David Beckwith shows evidence that the church grows in hard times.

While I did not wish for this economic collapse, we can at least be glad to see some lessening of our moral decay and signs of renewed spiritual interest.

As the recession plays out, Christians should be looking with confidence to God, living radically holy lives, truly loving God and our neighbors and letting a fearful world watch us. That would be a powerful witness.

Breakpoint. **It is interesting that when we are given lemons in life, God can make lemonade out of them.**
Deacon Bob Lang

Our Field Agent Speaks:

Sometimes it is easy to overlook the simplest of things.

Take the beneficiaries on your life insurance policies. If your policy was applied for and issued several years ago, it could very well be that the person you originally selected as the beneficiary is no longer the person you would want to receive the policy proceeds. If you bought the policy when you were single, for example, you may have named your parents as beneficiaries. If you have since been married, that could be updated to reflect your spouse or your children.

Most people list a primary beneficiary – that person is specifically designated as the first in priority to receive policy proceeds. We also encourage the naming of a contingent beneficiary – an alternate person designated to receive policy proceeds, usually in the event that the original beneficiary predeceases the insured.

I routinely call all of our policyholders for annual review appointments, usually near the anniversary date of your policy – the date it was originally issued. One of the matters that I'll discuss during this review is the status of your beneficiary designations. If they need updating, and they often do, I can complete the paperwork during that appointment.

I look forward to meeting with each of you.

I'm at 973-539-0109 or john.stabile@kofc.org. Call me – let's talk.

Birthdays:

Happy Birthday!

To all Brother Knights:

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| Michael | Masiello | 7 | 5 |
| Robert | Markoski | 7 | 5 |
| Jerry | Orest | 7 | 6 |
| Thomas | Hefter | 7 | 7 |
| Philip J. | Maenza | 7 | 7 |
| Robert | Lang | 7 | 8 |
| Anthony | Giuffredo | 7 | 9 |
| Thomas P. | Ciacciarelli | 7 | 9 |
| Vincent | Monteleone | 7 | 10 |
| Vincent | Muccione | 7 | 11 |
| John | Johnson | 7 | 17 |
| Vincent | Bove | 7 | 18 |
| James C. | Dale | 7 | 19 |
| William | Agnellino | 7 | 19 |
| John | Citarelli | 7 | 21 |
| William | Nevitt | 7 | 25 |
| Mark | Lavery | 7 | 29 |

IN NEED OF PRAYER:

Good of the Order:

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

Father Owens, "Father" – Lives in Ireland, Sister Ann, Past Grand Knight Larry Colasurdo mother Marie, Larry Colasurdo PGK., Vincent Maggiulli Dolores Angelo Mother of Ron Angelo, Jack Tomasullo, Daniel Piccolo, Debbie Edson, Daughter of Des and Ann Brennan has two babies Kayliegh , 4 Special Intentions, Tom Doughterty Jr. Tom Dougherty Senior and Judy, Marty Keating PGK, John Vander Bas Wife Ann.Anthony Cillo, Vivian Baxter, 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, Angie and Charlie Del Fava, PGK. Joe Larena, Henry Smolen, Father of Charlie Napoli, of C&L Towing, Karen Brown, Carmen Malgieri, Irene Holmes, Sheila Gallo and for baby Cara Guerine, Mike Ganinni, Ernie Esposito, Philip Esposito, Balnjina Fernandez, Chris Knapik and Rose Knapik wife of Andy Knapik, R. Barton PGK, Anthony Fiscetti, Linda Miele, Micheal Tria, Terry Pizzano Dorthy Sikora John Hoffman, John Spain, Angela Cavado, Special intentions. Barbera Gassner, Joann Musso, Clara Sodowski, Cora a friend of Barry Halloran SA Special Intention, Christopher McTagart,

Pray for our troops that are in harms way 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. Amazing isn't it that even as we sin - He will never turn his head away from your prayer. You may not understand the response we get from God but he is the final judge in the end, there is no squeaking buy no lying your way in to eternity.**

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