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Grand Knights Message:

On November 30th, we had our deceased brothers mass. Father Owen, our chaplain, as usual did an excellent job and had an opportunity to join us, along with some of the widows for dinner. I want to thank Tony Giuliano for coordinating the event.

I want to thank Desi Brennan, for the excellent job he did for Santa's Arrival at Town Hall on Sunday December 6th. We had the largest group of kids ever and almost ran out of toys. We had enough hot chocolate and cookies to go around. Thanks also to Desi's elves who helped out: Joe Pasquarosa, Larry Colasurdo, Frank Nolan, Tony Giuliano, Ron Corey, John Bongo, Joe Romao, Andy Detore, Neale Baxter, Chris Virginio, Joe Pannullo and Ron Angelo.

Greg Donofrio Chairmen for the winter coat collection has successfully, collected 350 warm coats to be sent to Appalachian area. If we hurry we can get them there in time for Christmas Distribution. Certainly Greg deserves our congratulations. As you know one of the principles of the Knights of Columbus is Charity.

On Monday December 14th, we will have our annual Christmas Party. It starts at 6 PM, in Lacbrecque Hall, downstairs from the Church. The cost is \$ 10.00 per person. There will also be a 50/50 Raffle. It will be a hot

buffet dinner, with coffee and dessert. Mark your calendars and come have a great time.

We have scheduled our Wives Appreciation Dinner for Saturday February 6th, at Ravello's Restaurant, Eagle Rock Ave, East Hanover. The cost is \$ 50.00 per person.

At the last officer's meeting, we decided to have a Pancake Breakfast in February. It will be family oriented and Andy Liebhauser has agreed to chair the event. He is going to need some help, so let's step up and help Andy out. More details to follow.

As we prepare for the way of the Lord, I would like to extend a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all of you and your families. Let us continue to make a difference and proclaim the good news of the Lord.

Fraternally yours in Christ,
Ron

FROM THE PULPIT:

Break Point 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:

There are many fine life insurance companies in the marketplace today. So why should you entrust your life insurance needs, and those of your family to the Knights of Columbus?

In their rating report on the Knights of Columbus, Standard & Poor’s states that it’s ‘AAA’ rating is based upon the following strengths: extremely strong capital, very strong competitive position, extremely strong liquidity and historically strong profitability.

I would suggest that a principal reason that we were able to achieve those accolades, along with what S&P described as ‘a distinct competitive advantage, a loyal customer base and a unique rapport with clients’ is because we remain steadfastly committed to the vision of Father Michael J. McGivney, ‘Protecting Families for Generations’ by means of ‘life insurance by brother Knights for brother Knights.’

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Our ethical principles for marketing are summed up by our Golden Rule: ‘In all my professional relationships, I pledge myself to the following rule of conduct: I shall, in light of all conditions surrounding those I serve, render that service which, under the same circumstances, I would apply to myself.’

That’s what you can expect from me, your professional Knights of Columbus field agent. I welcome the opportunity to present to you and your wife, honestly and accurately, all facts necessary for you to make a sound life insurance decision. I will render that service which, under the same circumstances, I would apply to myself.

Merry Christmas to all!
I’m at 973-539-0109 or john.stabile@kofc.org. Call me – let’s talk.

Birthdays:

George	Hanley	10	2
Joseph	Pisano	10	2
Richard	Truzzolino	10	3
Sal	Bruttaniti	10	4
Carmine	Fischetti	10	6
Albert	DiAntonio	10	6
Brendan	Kelly	10	11
Joseph	Palombo	10	13
Frank	Nolan	10	13
Gregory	Flora	10	14
Pat	De Deo	10	16
Patsy	Montello	10	18
Howard	Doscher	10	19
Joseph	Cusano	10	20
Nicholas J.	Rello	10	20
Alfred	Testa	10	23

Peter	Wells	10	29
Owen B.	Moran	10	29
George	La Vecchia	10	30
John	Deep	10	30
Harry	McCann	10	31
Stephen R.	Catanzaro	11	2
Robert	Cochiarelli	11	3
Michael	Difazio	11	4
Michael T.	Molle	11	8
Anthony	Ciasullo	11	9
Neale	Baxter	11	15
Thomas Jr.	Michaels	11	16
Richard	Tamburro	11	17
Albert	Batwinas	11	17
Andrew	Liebhauser	11	18
Henry	Marazia	11	18
Salvatore	Davide	11	22
Richard J.	Gelson	11	23
Richard	Baird	11	23
Rick A.	Musso	11	23
Thomas Jr.	Schimminger	11	23
Andrew	Knapik	11	27
John	Painter	11	27

Ireland, Sister Ann, Peter Grasman PGK, Past Grand Knight Larry Colasurdo mother Marie, and Larry Jr. son of Larry Colasurdo PGK., Dolores Angelo, Mother of Grand Knight Ron Angelo, Jack Tomasullo PGK, Daniel Piccolo, Des and Ann Brennan Grand Daughter, Kayliegh Edson, Four-Special Intentions, Tom Dougherty Jr. Tom Dougherty Senior and Judy, Marty Keating PGK, John Vander Bas Wife Ann, Anthony Cillo, Diana Rickert, Kevin and Joan Gardiner, Jack Citarelli, and Marie Citarelli's daughter Andria Ottaiano, Vivian Baxter Mother of Neal Baxter, Doris Friedholm, Rick Friedholm's Dad, Angie and Charlie Del Fava, PGK. Joe Larena, Henry Smolen, 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, Lisa Guarino, Dorthy Sikora John Hoffman, John Spain, Angela Cavado, Special intentions. Barbera Gassner, Joann Musso, Clara Sodowski, Cora a friend of Barry Halloran. Ron Di Sena.

IN NEED OF PRAYER:

Good of the Order:

Deacon Vincent Leo and his wife Peggy are proud to announce the arrival of a grand daughter named Ava Nicole. Our council Best wishes and prayer goes out to the Leo Family.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Marty Keating Snr. For 50 years of Marriage. Prayer does work so please pray for the following that are in need of Prayer.

Father Owens, "Father" – Lives in

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 is Infinite. 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 by no lying your way in to your promised eternity in Heaven with your maker. This is the Season to get Right with GOD! Merry Christmas! From the editorial Staff – “May God bless you and your Families.”

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The Editor: