
May 2010

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GRAND KNIGHTS LETTER

Dear Brother Knights,

The fraternal year is coming to a close. I want to thank each of you for your support of our Council activities. Although our year has been successful, we have fallen short in recruiting new members to the Order. Going forward, we need to reach out to men in the parish and ask them to join us. Each of you has been given a form 100. If you don't have one, please see Tom Gordineer.

At the GA KofC State convention, the Buttons, Bobby and Teresa, were recognized as the State Family of the Year. Their tireless efforts within the parish and the community are a great example of Christian love and commitment.

Also at the convention the Council received a first runner award in the Council activities area for the 20th Anniversary Dinner and the Year of the Priest Celebration. Thanks to the leadership of Tony Cumberworth and Otto Hertwig.

Our funding raising efforts of over \$4000 in one day was documented in the Convention Knight Line publication. I want to thank Mike Sweeney for his efforts as the Council historian in helping to document our activities.

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I spoke with the Abbot Francis Michael at the Convention; he wants to thank the Council for all our support for the Monastery funding raising activities. I mentioned to him that we would like to host a cookout for the monks in the fall. I have asked Tim DeSmet and Russell Toning to work out the details through Brother Callistus.

The Trustees recommendation for officers for the upcoming fraternal year 2010-2011 are:

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Please feel free to nominate any member in good standing for a position within the Council at the June meeting. We will vote on officers at the June meeting.

As we approach the Memorial Day Weekend, please continue to pray for our men and women serving in the military throughout the world.

Vivat Jesus,
Pat Barnes
Grand Knight 770-922-7293 Pmbmc66@bellsouth.net



Things Our Mother Taught Us

Life lessons learned

May is the month for celebrating mothers, the women who teach us about love by communicating an acceptance and protection that tell us how important we are to them years before we understand their words. These same feelings of acceptance and security help us ratchet up our courage and take steps forward when we realize our life is in part what we choose to make it. Our mother's love empowers us to come into our own.

May is also the month we celebrate the one Mother we all share, the woman who taught us about faith by saying *yes* to God's request that she become the mother of Jesus.

For centuries the Christian faithful venerated the Blessed Virgin and formulated litanies to her. Some of them come from the Latin rite and are well known, like the Litany of Loreto; others are less known to us—the Akathistos hymn, for example—because they come from Eastern branches of Christianity.

The litanies, devotions, prayers, and hymns were created out of deep feelings of devotion to Mary as the Mother of God. Over time, that devotion has evolved into formally stated beliefs about Mary's life in the work of salvation, namely the dogmas of the Immaculate Conception and the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin. But everything we've learned from Mary, we've learned from three simple words: *She said yes*.

Mary's yes teaches us that it's possible to step out in faith and believe that life appears in seemingly lifeless settings. Our constant spiritual companion, living with all of us, Mary listens to our needs. Her love has the power to give us the feelings of acceptance and security only a mother can give. Her love produces a kind of grace that expands ever wider, encircling all the moments of life, and giving us hope that Jesus will not leave us alone.

And adults often feel alone. The weight of decisions that affect the lives of others, the doubt that creeps into our mind as we review our past, or the pain and suffering we experience when illness strikes—all are times of being alone and feeling we will be swallowed by waves of grief.

The late Cardinal Bernardin of Chicago urged us to pray when we're well, because it's often impossible when we're sick. So as we begin the month in which we celebrate Mary—and all mothers—let's deepen our spirituality by joining our *yes* to Mary's.

Member Personal Information Update

The Council is updating its database with member personal information. Please send or call with info such as wedding anniversary, email address, etc. We would like to get your **email** at a minimum.

Please contact:

Tom Gordineer, Financial Secretary (404) 392-3810 or mail to address above.

Knight of the Month

Congratulations to the **Paul Kunkel** on being named Knight of the Month

Family of the Month

Congratulations to the **Saksefski Family**
on being named Family of the Month

Prayers for Sick and Distressed Members

Ruth Exterkamp, Tom Kerr , and Larry Gazona

Dates to Remember

- June 4&5** **Eucharistic Congress**—Georgia International Convention Center, College Park, GA. See details at www.archatl.com
- June 11th** **Family Dinner** –
with Mass to celebrate the end of the Year Priest
- June 12th** **Fourth Degree Navigators Ball** —
Chop House in Madison, GA
- June 12th** **5K Run/Walk at Monastery** –Need help parking cars
- June 19th** **Trivia Night** –for upgrades to the Parish Kitchen.

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