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# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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## GRAND KNIGHTS LETTER

### **Dear Brother Knights,**

As the year comes to an end, I would like to thank each of you for your contributions to the success of our Council. We have been able to make contributions to local charities to help them out during this time of national economic problems and individual concerns. We have responded to the first principle of the Order, Charity.

The 2009-2010 is the year of the Priest. We are celebrating the Council's 20th Anniversary which is in conjunction with the year of the Priest. Our dinner is now scheduled for January 23, 2010 at the St. Pius X Parish Center. Invitations to the event will be sent to you in the coming weeks. We would like for you and your spouse and family to attend this celebration.

For the past several years, the council has sponsored a monthly parish breakfast. Unfortunately, attendance has steadily declined. We are now considering other options to replace this monthly event. We are open to suggestions on how to either improve the breakfast or instituting another parish activity to replace the breakfast.

Due to scheduling conflicts, we have now rescheduled the Trivia Night and Tootsie Roll Drive to January.

One area where we need to put efforts next year is to continue to recruit new members to the Order. I know this is an old theme but an organization that continues to grow also renews itself with new ideas and refreshed enthusiasm. I would like for each of you to contact one catholic man and ask him to join our Council. **Wishing you and your Family a Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year.**

Vivat Jesus,

**Pat Barnes**

Grand Knight 770-922-7293 [Pmbmc66@bellsouth.net](mailto:Pmbmc66@bellsouth.net)



## Tidings of Comfort

When you give yourself,  
you give the Redeemer

**W**hen I was about eight years old, I was in the hospital for a few days. Nurses and doctors poked me, prodded me, and took my temperature. No one explained that I couldn't get out of bed and wander around, so I got a fair share of scolding from the staff.

After the surgery, what had thus far been a novel experience quickly turned into a scary one. The days and nights had no order; needles in my arms made it difficult to move. My sense of control had been disrupted. The thing I most longed for was the sound of my mother's voice. To this day I remember the feeling I had falling asleep to the cadence of her voice as she read a story: Everything was going to be all right.

*Everything is going to be all right.* Such is the confidence of Christians to hear the announcement that God took on flesh and became one of us. It carries us when we lose control and can't make heads or tails of what we're supposed to do next. With Jesus at our side, we can live through the confusion and anxiety that wash over us through the years. Life often doesn't turn out the way we want it to, but do we have the tenacity to keep looking for the deeper connections our faith helps us make?

God inserted himself into the human story. The least we can do is insert ourselves into the stories of our brothers and sisters to promote and protect the lives of the most threatened. When life itself is taken for granted, when the conditions for a healthy life (adequate food, shelter, health care, and education) are debated by politicians—and measured and distributed by methods that judge our worthiness for them on the basis of gender, race, citizenship, or age—Christians have an important message to share: When we live and act in a way that promotes life, we honor the God who gave us his Son.

**At this time of year,** we naturally want to spend money on gifts or travel; for many of us, the resources aren't there, so we won't be able to do it. But that doesn't mean we have nothing to give. We can make the gift of the Redeemer the starting point for our gift-giving.

Our time and talent can mean so much more than any material gift. My parents gave me plenty of those, but more than the presents, I treasure the memories—my mother's reading me to sleep and other gifts of time. These gifts cost nothing and increase in value over time. They tell us everything is going to be all right. They tell us *God is with us* in our darkest hours.

May you have a blessed Advent and a joyful Christmas.

**If all you** want for Christmas is a few moments of peace every day, the newest book in the *Chicken Soup for the Soul* series will do the trick. For more information on *Devotional Stories for Women: 101 Daily Devotions to Comfort, Encourage, and Inspire Women*, call us toll free at 800-325-9521 or visit [liguori.org](http://liguori.org).

## Annual Member Dues

Brother Knights, please remember to pay your annual membership dues. Membership dues are **\$30.00**. Support for the Life Fund is **optional** but appreciated (**\$3.00**). Check can be mailed to:

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Attention: **Tom Gordineer**, Financial Secretary (404) 392-3810

## 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 **Mike Sweeny** on being named Knight of the Month

## Family of the Month

Congratulations to the **Tim Desmet Family**  
on being named Family of the Month

## Prayers for Distressed Members

Wust Family, John & Dot Sharek, Wojcik Family, John Bacon, Joe Tomasko,  
Rosemary Gerstner

## Dates to Remember

Trivia Night for Joe Tomasko.....January 16, Saturday

Tootsie Roll Drive.....January 16, Saturday

Council 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration ..... January 23, Saturday

Valentines Dance..... February 13, Saturday

### **St. Pius X – K of C Ladies Auxiliary**

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