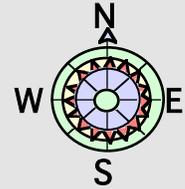


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## GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Dear Brother Knights,

Another Christmas Day has come and gone and the new year is upon us. Let us take time to reflect on the year that was. What were we able to accomplish? I'm sure there are many things each of us wanted to do this past year but perhaps we fell short of our plans and goals. Hopefully, we were able to complete the important goals set at the beginning of 2005. You know - those resolutions we all make as the new year approaches - to do this better, to finish that or just avoid making the same mistakes we made in the past.

Time. There never seems to be enough of it when you are busy and too much of it when you are not. Time is a peculiar thing. It is both fleeting and all consuming. It is both precious and picayune, it is coveted and taken for granted. It is said we live on borrowed time, we should take time, save time, make time, enjoy the time we have, spend time and that we waste time. Oh, if we could only buy some time. Our time is truly limited, but only by our ability to use it wisely, as it was meant to be used. We are, by design, here on earth for a limited amount of time. We must use that time to the best of our God given abilities. We must live each day as if it were our last. We must appreciate all that we have in the short time we have it. For, in the great scheme of things, we exist for only a relative nanosecond of time.

We often say, if I only had more time, oh the things I would do, the things I could do. Do we really need unlimited amounts of time to accomplish great things? No, we don't. A reassuring nod, a smile, a simple hello only take an instant but can have tremendous positive impact. Jesus, our Lord and Savior was on this earth a very short time. A mere 33 years. Of which time his active ministry was but 3 short years. In that short amount of time he accomplished more than we could ever imagine, more than we could comprehend. He gave us the roadmap to unlimited time. He gave us the opportunity to have eternal life. He gave us the key to eternal happiness and peace. He showed us how we should use our time here on earth.

Yes, this is an amazing thing he did in such a short time. He gave us hope, he gave our lives purpose. If we only accept his teachings and live according to his example. But that was not all he was to give to us. Incredibly, in that moment, in that instant, as he died on the cross, he gave us eternal life.

How much time do we really need? It only takes an instant to accept Jesus and his way of life. As we enter into a new year let us all resolve, truly resolve to live our lives the way Jesus taught us so we may become more worthy of the gifts he gave to us. Do you have the time?

God Bless,

*Don*

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## CHAPLAIN'S LOG

Dear Brother Knights,

May 2006 be a year filled with God's blessings for you and your family. May God bless this year with peace, bringing home all of our young men and women who are currently serving in harm's way. May the Lord also protect the poor, the frail, those who are disenfranchised and powerless, and bless them with his love and guidance.

In a special way, may God bless and protect each of you and your loved ones.

Happy New Year.

Peace,

*Fr. Michael*

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## Calendar of Events

- Jan 2 Regular Meeting - 8 PM Garden City Fire Hall
- Jan 9 Officer's Meeting - 8 PM Garden City Fire Hall
- Jan 16 Regular Meeting - 8 PM Garden City Fire Hall
- Jan 23 March for Life in Washington, D. C.
- Feb 6 Regular Meeting - 8 PM Garden City Fire Hall
- Feb 13 Officer's Meeting - 8 PM Garden City Fire Hall
- Feb 20 Regular Meeting - 8 PM Garden City Fire Hall

## YEARLY SURVEY

The fraternal survey is due in January. Help the Grand Knight to complete it by listing your time and activities for charitable works and giving it to him or any officer.

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Sue Catalano, Jim Caulfield, Doug Comment  
 Dom Di Ninno, Bob Fedarko  
 Felicia Gurski, Howard Hess  
 Frank Hines\*, Fr. Pat Hynes\*  
 Mark Janczewski  
 Mary Janczewski\*  
 Amil Jerich, Mike Kiss  
 Rita Liberto, Frank McIntyre  
 Jim McIntyre\* Lucy Odasso\*  
 Lou Renda, Gerry Ruetz\*  
 John Tkac\*, Fr. Robert Werthman\*  
 and for all other sick and deceased\*  
 members of K of C families.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY, BROTHERS

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Walter Antimarino
- 4 Virgil R. Galia
- 5 Charles C. Passmore
- 8 Orelio S. Vecchio
- 10 Father Edward M. Bryce
- 12 Anthony S. Di Ninno, William T. Mackey,  
Joseph Yates
- 13 Father John E. DiNello
- 14 John C. Kutzner
- 16 Paul A. Vargo
- 21 Louis Borelle, Jr., Robert Reed
- 22 Eugene J. Stemerick
- 23 Joseph M. Matesa
- 26 James E. Sandala
- 27 Joseph F. Markosek
- 28 Stephen J. Witko
- 29 David H. Soggi
- 31 Angelo V. Glorioso



March for Life -January 23,2006

Once again we will attend the March in Washington, DC with the group from St. Bernadette. Father Tony Gargotta will celebrate Mass at 5:30 AM at St. Bernadette. Our bus leaves from there at 6:00 AM, right after Mass. A donation of \$30 is requested (checks to St. Bernadette). Donations to help sponsor a teenager are also appreciated.

Call Margaret at 412-373-1168 or Clay at 412-372-6672 for reservations and/or information or pick up a reservation form in the vestibule (available soon) and put it in the collection basket.

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NEW FIELD AGENT

Stephen C. Baker is our new insurance agent. He will be contacting all brother knights in the near future. If you wish to speak to him his phone number is 724-325-3335 and e-mail is scbkofc@adelphia.net

GET THIS NEWSLETTER BY E-MAIL!

If you would like to receive the "Compass" by e-mail, send your e-mail address to Joe Matesa at [matesa@adelphia.net](mailto:matesa@adelphia.net) Sending the newsletter out by e-mail would save stamp, envelope and copying costs. We would like to try this and see how it works out.

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**Christmas Seals**

The total raised to date is about \$75,000, mainly from Christmas Seals distribution. To meet the overall Bishop's Project goal, another \$165,000 must be raised before March 1, 2006. Pius XII Council has a total contribution as of 12/12/2005 amounting to \$4949. Our member returns average \$35 each, but the percentage of member returns thus far is only 16%. We did find that some members had used the envelope from church distribution, but, of course, could only identify those with a return address label. Please use the envelope sent to you and mail your contribution ASAP. If you must use a church distribution envelope, make sure your name and address are on it. Thanks to all those who have contributed and volunteered to help distribute seals, or solicited via the Tootsie Roll or Penny Drives.

CHRISTMAS BASKETS REPORT

Once again, the Christmas basket project went very well thanks to the great work of Joe Weber and all those who helped with the 117 baskets to needy families. It's hard to overstate the importance of keeping this charitable program and many of our others running. God bless all who worked so well together and the families, too.

Pro Life Checks are back!

You can visit them at [www.promisechecks.com](http://www.promisechecks.com), where you can peruse their full line of products. They also have a toll-free phone number 1-800-977-6647. You can order on-line, via snail mail or by phone. Issuing these checks for either personal or business sends a clear pro-life message!

**MEMBERSHIP**

Why not invite a good man, like yourself to join the Knights. As you can see from this newsletter we do a lot of good things.

Also, remind a current member that we meet twice a month to conduct business and afterwards we have pizza and beverages and enjoy good fellowship.

**A BLESSED AND HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!**