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Grand Knight's Message

Brothers,

December is upon us; the year has flown by. December is the month for giving, sharing but, most importantly, it's the month in which we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ.

As we shop for presents, decorate our homes, have great meals with our family and friends, let us not forget the true meaning of Christmas, giving and sharing but especially the poor, hungry and lonely among us.

This season make a point to:

Help the poor,

Help the hungry and visit the lonely.

Being lonely is a terrible feeling but especially at Christmas. This year visit a hospital or nursing home giving greetings of good cheer. There are lots of people in hospitals and nursing homes that are neglected by family; paying the lonely a visit can bring some joy to them. The same is true for our Veterans! We have a Veterans Home right here in Paramus. These are men and women of all ages that served our country and have now fallen upon bad health and hard times. Pay a vet a visit, sit down and have a conversation with him or her. You will not only make them feel better but you will also feel better yourself.

Yes, this is season of giving and sharing. I personally want to give to you and yours my warmest best wishes for a Merry Christmas.

Please remember to keep "Christ in Christmas"

Frank Mariconti Sr.
Grand Knight

Fourth Degree

The Past Faithful Navigator’s Dinner and Military Ball will be at La Neve’s on Dec. 16th. The event is open to all members of the Fourth Degree and their families. It is also suggested that each council reserve a table of 10 for the event and provide a basket for the tricky tray raffle. The event will begin at 2 PM and conclude at 6 PM. A DJ will provide music for the affair.

There will be no meetings of the Assembly in November or December. They will resume in January on the 22nd at the Ramsey Council.

Ray Polomski SK

**Calendar of Events for December 2018 and
January 2019**

December

- 12/06 Regular Business Meeting.....8:00 PM
- 12/08 Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception
- 12/11 First Degree.....6:00 PM
- 12/20 Officers Meeting.....7:30 PM
- 12/25 Christmas Day

January

- 01/01 New Year’s Day
- 01/08 Regular Business Meeting.....8:00 PM
- 01/17 Officers Meeting.....7:30 PM
- 01/21 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Spectrum Canteen

The next Spectrum Canteen will be held on December 10, 2018. It will be a special one with freshly cooked barbecued hamburgers, oven fries as well as pizza. The Party will start at 6:30 PM.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT

Dear Brothers,

I would like to wish everyone a Christmas season of joy, health and happiness, to continue throughout 2019.

As 2018 ends, a new calendar year begins for the Knights of Columbus. Everyone will shortly be receiving the 2019 dues notice and annual survey of fraternal activity. The future of our council is dependent of this survey being sent back with your dues before the *January 15, 2019 deadline*. Please be prompt in getting this completed form and dues back to me. ***If you like to be ahead of the game, print out the form in this newsletter, complete the survey and mail your dues back to the council, prior to December 15th to save the council about \$1.00 in stationary and postage on the initial mailing.***

Again, you will notice on the form, a request for your current home, cell phone number *and* email address. **Please carefully and clearly provide this information.** This personal information will only be used for the “allbrothers” group email, for our monthly Chancellor newsletter, reminders, special events and if you are needed to be contacted by an officer of our council.

If you suffer a hardship in paying your 2016 dues, please contact our Worthy Grand Knight, Frank Mariconti Sr. at: fms12250@aol.com.

God Bless you all and I look forward to my continuing service as your Financial Secretary.

Angelo Restivo,

Financial Secretary

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2019
 Membership

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Dear Brother Knight,

As 2018 comes to an end and we move into 2019, please complete the brief survey below and return with your annual membership dues *promptly* using the enclosed, stamped envelope. **The 2018 Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity Report must be submitted to the Supreme Council Office by January 31, 2019.** Please mail back to me, with the appropriate dues as soon as possible. Thank you sincerely.

Regular Membership: **\$35.00**

Peace and Best Wishes for this Christmas Season and throughout 2019.

Angelo Restivo
 Financial Secretary

To continue to keep our records accurate and for you to continue to receive our newsletter via email, please, once again, “clearly” provide the following:

Full Name _____ **Email Address** _____

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Please be sure to explore our web site at: www.kofc2188.org

2019 ANNUAL SURVEY OF FRATERNAL ACTIVITY MEMBER WORKSHEET

To prepare our Fraternal Survey for the Supreme Council, please complete the information requested below within the deadline and return to me with the enclosed envelope. This valuable information will determine the total number of community service hours given by our members during 2018.

1. Number of visits you made during 2018 to:
 - Sick – caring for the sick _____
 - Bereaved – visits of condolence _____
2. Number of times you served as a blood donor: _____
3. Estimated hours of volunteer services during 2018:
 - Church Activities – service in all Church related activities _____
 - Community Activities – all community related activities _____
 - Youth Activities – service in all youth activities _____
 - Habitat for Humanity – all related projects _____
 - Miscellaneous Activities – all not listed above _____
4. Number of hours of fraternal service during 2018:
 - Sick/disabled members and families – household chores,
 Transportation, tutoring, counseling, etc. _____

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