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Chaplain's Message



EPIPHANY

So many centuries have passed since the Wise Men sought the One whose star they had spotted.

In their search they sought the advice of Herod, the earthly ruler of the area. They thought he could point them in the right direction. How wrong they were!

Fearing a competitor, he sought information from them, so that he could destroy that which might threaten his rule. It was the classic struggle of good and evil.

As the New Year begins we take a note from the search of those ancient men. Worldly wisdom and craft can only lead us so far in our search for the

Grand Knight's Message

Happy New Year! Have you made any resolutions yet? If so, are they already broken?

Here is a resolution you need to make and not break: promise yourself you will reevaluate your life insurance needs for your family with your field agent, Mike Fischer.

The Knights of Columbus is first and foremost an organization that protects a member's family against financial hardships. After all that is what inspired the Venerable Fr. Michael J. McGivney to form the order! The Knights carry life insurance, disability insurance, long term care insurance, and annuities. Our insurance programs surpassed a net worth of \$94 billion last year and is rated by A. M. Best review agency with a grade of A++ for financial strength.

Best describes the Knights of Columbus insurance in that it "reflects its strong fraternal and insurance presence within the Catholic communities in the United States and Canada, its strong risk-adjusted capitalizat-

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meaning of life. It is only the revelation, the Epiphany, contained in the birth of the Christ Child that reveals to us our meaning and destiny.

Times have not changed humanity so much in all these centuries. Good still struggles against evil; people still search for meaning in life; the wicked still seek to protect their privileges; the poor still struggle. Even with the knowledge bestowed on us in Christ we still have a long way to go in transforming hearts!

The Good News is that, as part of the Church, we at least have begun to affectively deal with some of the problems we find in our world. Oh, we haven't solved them all, but we continue to work, undeterred by the opposition we receive. As Knights of Columbus, we care for the poor, we protect the weak, we enable good works and we keep our vision clear. We remember that the road to heaven is not outlined on our GPS, but is illuminated by the One whose star filled the heavens so long ago!

The New Year provides us with an opportunity to renew our resolve that our choices will be better, our direction more true, our faith more firm and our perseverance undiminished. We see in Pope Francis someone who is not easily swayed from the path he thinks he must follow. As we seek the kindness and compassion necessary to make a better world, let us renew our support of the Holy Father and let shine forth the goodness of the Christian heart.

Just as the Wise Men of old were warned against the plotters of evil, we too must take care that we are not misdirected or swayed from our path. We must protect our Church, our faith and our lives from those who would do us evil. We have been entrusted with a message of great light. It must be allowed to shine so that all can see in it a reflection of that light that appeared so long ago.

May the Lord bless you in the New Year so that one day you too will find that Light!

(Grand Knight)

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Where does this financial stability come from? From prudent leadership and management of financial assets to securing obligations to our insured members, with the good fortune that our healthy insurance company enjoys returning dividends to its members.

One additional point to remember; when you are an insurance member with the Knights a portion of your premiums go to the many church and charitable acts that we commit ourselves.

For example in 2012, the Knights of Columbus gave more than \$155 million to Catholic and other charitable causes. These include the Vatican and various bishops' conferences, capital funding to Catholic institutions, and recruits and funding for the next generation of priests and theologians. In 2012 a major initiative by the Knights was their prosthetic program “Healing Haiti’s Children” introduced in Haiti after their earthquake to provide new prosthesis and care for children affected. More recently the Knights have supported the persecuted minorities from Syria. They announced last month that a \$2.2 million donation for new housing for religious minorities in Iraq would be given.

Any way you look at it the Knight of Columbus has a highly rated insurance program that can meet **YOUR FAMILY NEEDS** and the needs for our church and community.

Call Mike Fischer soon and reevaluate your financial security and begin this new year right.

Joe Laquidara

Grand Knight

Joseph F. Lamb Assembly

The first Meeting in January will be held on Jan. 27, 2015, tentatively to be held @ Ramsey Council 3962.

Please consider joining the Fourth Degree this year.

A Prayer for Police Officers

Almighty God,

Whose great power and eternal Wisdom embraces the universe,

watch over all police and law enforcement officers everywhere. Protect them from harm in the performance of their to stop crime, robbery, riots and violence. We pray, help them keep our streets and homes safe, day and night. We commend them to your loving care because their duty is dangerous.

Grant them strength and courage in their daily assignments.

Dear God, protect these brave men and women. Grant them

Your almighty protection and unite them safely with their families after duty has ended.

Taken from a Prayer Book of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception.

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Calendar for January and February

2015

January

- 01/03 Members Christmas Party.....6:30 PM
- 01/08 Regular Business Meeting.....8:00 PM
- 01/13 First Degree.....7:00 PM
- 01/15 Columbian Club Meeting.....8:00 PM
- 01/17 Baby Bottle @ St. Andrew's
- 01/18 Baby Bottle @ St. Andrew's
- 01/21 Respect Life Rosary, St . Andrew's.....8:00 PM
- 01/22 Officers' Meeting.....8:00 PM

February

- 02/05 Regular Business Meeting.....8:00 PM
- 02/07 Baby Bottle—Collection
- 02/08 Baby Bottle —Collection
- 02/10 First Degree.....7:00 PM
- 02/12 Columbia Club.....8:00 PM

FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT

Dear Brothers,
Wishing you all a very Happy and Healthy 2015.

You should have all received your 2015 dues notice and if you haven't sent me your payment yet, please send it as soon as possible. The **deadline for dues is January 15th** and the deadline for the Fraternal Survey is January 31st. Second notices will be mailed to the non paying members in the third week of January. Please save our council money from postage, envelopes and paper by sending your check in today.

Along with your payment, please **provide me with your current phone number and email address**, even if you gave it to me last year. This information will only be used for newsletters and if you needed to be contacted by an officer of our council.

If you are finding it hard to pay your 2015 dues, please contact our Worthy Grand Knight, Joe Laquidara at laqgang@verizon.net, to explain your hardship.

Thank you for your cooperation and God Bless.

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