

January 2017

Brother Knights:

I don't know about you, but I am not a big fan of New Year's resolutions. Don't get me wrong, I hope we all take time to reflect on where we are in our lives and possible positive changes we want to make to better ourselves. I just happen to think this process shouldn't just happen at the beginning of a new year, but should be something we do throughout the year.

That being said, January does mark the start of a new year and helps provide a wakeup call that we are not made of this world and our time here is temporary. How do we want to use the time on earth God provides us? Do we want to carve out more time to watch yet another new tv series or take on yet another hobby? Or do we want to make a point to do more for our God and his church?

Many of us are active in our faith. We won't be Knights otherwise? Correct? But are we where we want to be in our relationship with God? Since none of us are perfect, I think I know the answer.

So what might you consider doing differently in 2017 than 2016? Maybe actually praying the Rosary instead of just thinking you need to? Maybe making a point to review the readings for the upcoming Sunday Mass before Mass? Maybe thinking about what first attracted you to becoming a Knight and making a point to renewing that commitment and do just one thing to help your Council, whatever that might be.

Doing good in life is never easy. All the devil needs is good men to do nothing. I know we have plenty of good men in our Council. And all of us can always do better than what we are doing now.

I am in no way judging anyone. I have no right to cast any first stone at anyone. I know I struggle at times with my faith and the amount of time I personally give back to my faith. But I do know I am not alone.

Where ever you are currently in your faith, please know you are welcome to re-engage with other Knights that share the same trials and tribulations. If we have to be perfect to be Knights, I would never have qualified to join!

Although half of our fraternal year is gone, we have more work to do. Lent is approaching soon and that means our Fish Fries will be here before we know it. We always need help with food and room prep, food service and clean up. If you have never participated in one of our Fish Fries, make a point to do so this year. You will be welcomed with open arms and at the end of the day, feel good you made a positive contribution. The same holds for our many breakfast fund raisers.

Finally, make a point to come to the next Council meeting. It makes a difference when you surround yourself with like-minded men looking for ways to make a positive contribution to their Faith and Parish. Remember, all the devil needs is for good men to do nothing.

God bless you and your families. May 2017 be a year of spiritual growth for our Council.

Vivat Jesus,

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Worthy Grand Knight