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From our Grand Knight



Brother Knights during this very special time of year I would like to share one of my most precious gifts. For the past forty years my father has given his children his annual Christmas message. This is in the form of a letter or a poem.

I hope you will enjoy the following selection.

From our Grand Knight (cont.)

TO MY FAMILY ON THE FEAST OF THE NATIVITY, DECEMBER 25, 1971

" A FATHER'S CHRISTMAS"

What did I get for Christmas?
 My children's dancing eyes,
 Their hugs and kisses, their squeals of joy
 at every small surprise.

What did I get for Christmas?
 My wife's look of love
 When she unwrapped the 'very thing'
 That she had been dreaming of.

Oh, there were many gifts for me
 Beneath our glittering Christmas tree
 from loving wife ... daughter ... son,
 And I was thrilled with everyone.

But together, they gave me something
 That has no counterpart -
 What did I get for Christmas?
 An overflowing heart.

" Remember my children, that there is
 nothing I can give you which you have not, but
 there is much, very much, that I cannot give it
 you can take. Take Heaven."

With all my love,
 Dad

Brothers, may you and your families have a
 wonderful and safe holiday season.

God Bless You,

Ted

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On the Battle Field

We need the support of Our Lady—We are Her Knights
PRAY THE ROSARY

Opportunities:

Join Us

Perpetual Adoration Chapel at Visitation BVM is always open for you.

Men's Fellowship (Bible Study) at Saint Teresa every Saturday at 6:45 AM—join with many other Christian gentlemen there for a morning uplift.

Do you know of a knight who is ill or in need, whose family is in need or who has passed away? Please let Jack Kees know so that we may help and pray together. Jack's number is 610-539-4935.

Calendar of Events

Tuesday, January 7th. - 7:30 PM
Officers' Meeting at Saint Teresa. All Brother Knights are welcome to attend.

Tuesday, December 21st. - 7:30 PM
Regular Council Meeting - Larkin Center
3rd in a series of special Programs on Vatican II - Come!!!

**Resolution for the New Year
Attend Your Knight's
Meetings.
Participate!**

Want to Come to a Meeting, but have transportation problems?

Have you been unable to make a council meeting because of transportation needs? For some of our older brothers driving at night becomes a real challenge. Or maybe an illness or problem limits your ability to drive. Please, allow us to help. Brother Knights stand ready and are more than willing to "share" a ride for you to come to our meetings. Just let any officer know - It would be a privilege and joy to be of service.

Third Annual Concert a Success

It's over. What a night. Our third year proved to be the best yet as we continued to build on all the proceeding years. The new program was really exceptional. The Temple University group filled the Upper Church with the sound of their singing. They appeared and sounded great. Our soloist, Miss Shari Wilson accompanied by Ted Raffetto Jr. had the voice of an angel. And the Baptist Choir brought the house down with their spiritual music ministry.

Special Thanks to Monsignor Murray and the Visitation Church for being gracious, participating hosts. Thanks to our chaplain, Monsignor Golias who closed our program with a relevant and beautiful benediction. Thanks to Ted jr. and Shari for all their help and the volunteers from Temple University. The Shaw Strings were also a great addition to our program. The Greater Exodus Baptist Church Choir were impressed by our program and professionalism in our concert.

The Brother Knights who assisted came early and gave much effort to making our program a success. This was a joint effort and could not be possible without everyone's efforts. Brother Anthony Pensabene filled in at the last moment by being our videographer. We have the entire concert on video and will make copies available, at cost, for those who want one.

The final results financially were the best ever with ad sales being up 30% and the offering was the best ever too. Thanks to all those who participate, bought supporter ads and helped in each way that they did. Next year's concert is set for Saturday, December 6th. And we are planning to have the Baptist Choir back and an even more exciting program. Become involved, be a part of next year's concert.



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Knights of Columbus Leader Calls for Unity, Solidarity with Priests

New Haven, CT — Carl A. Anderson calls Knights and Catholics to defend the dignity of the priesthood in tough times and increase efforts to promote vocations to priesthood.

In remarks delivered in Boston April 15, the leader of the Knights of Columbus said the only adequate response to the current situation facing the Catholic Church in the United States must be "through the eyes of faith and from within the tradition of the faith."

Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson made his remarks after receiving the 2002 Lantern Award from the Massachusetts Knights of Columbus. The Lantern Award is given each Patriot's Day to a citizen who reflects the religious and patriotic ideals of the Founding Fathers. The Knights of Columbus, Anderson said, must be a "living witness to the unity of the Catholic Church." It is the bishop, he said, who is the visible source and foundation of unity in his diocese. "Our response must begin with the principle of unity with our bishops and, through them, with our priests." At the same time, Anderson said, the Knights stands with every Catholic family that has been victimized, and supports the "zero tolerance policy" for child abuse announced by U.S. bishops. "We support its implementation swiftly, strictly and without exception. That too is a measure of solidarity with our faithful priests and with every Catholic family."

The Church's response to the current situation must "follow the path of renewal set by the Second Vatican Council for the new evangelization," Anderson said.

This means greater recognition of the authentic role of the laity in the Church and greater pastoral concern for families and youth, not less. Anderson said Pope John Paul II is leading the renewal of the Church through his writings on the priesthood, the family and the laity. This path of renewal "is just as vital to the Church as is the consistent application of a zero tolerance policy," Anderson said.

For the Church to be renewed, he said, "there must be greater closeness between families and their priests, not less." Our priests must not become isolated from the people they serve, he said.

New challenges in the Church require new responses, Anderson said. "Throughout the history of the Knights of Columbus we have taken pride in being called the strong right arm of the Church. Now we must be its steel spine," he said. This means that the Knights of Columbus will "stand shoulder to shoulder with our priests" throughout the crisis and also increase efforts to promote vocations to the priesthood. Annually the Knights of Columbus at all levels of the organization donate millions of dollars in scholarships and other financial aid to seminarians. The Knights also provided a \$100,000 grant to the U.S. and Canadian bishops' conferences for the Third Continental Congress on Vocations which will be held in Montreal later this month.



Christmas Prayer List

For Peace and Brotherhood to be manifest in the World,
For each of us to be that peace and brotherhood to one another.

For God to bless our Priests,
For each of us to be that blessing to our Priests.

For God to meet the needs of the poor,
For each of us to do what we can to meet the needs of the poor.

For God to heal the sick among us,
For each of us to be instruments of Healing.

For God to heal the anger and frustrations around us,
For each of us to give up anger within us and find ways to deal with our frustrations in a way that reflects Christ.

Oh Lord, help us to bring the Christ Child to those around us and to make Christmas every day of the year.

Amen