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GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Bill Bader

Brother Knights & Ladies,

We are in the season of Lent and I hope you are taking time for your spiritual life as we repent and become reconciled with God and in any relationship in our lives that needs healing.

I was fortunate to go on a White House Retreat in early Lent, which is a great way to enter into the Lenten Season. We just completed our Parish Mission, which was definitely different from past missions, and although some people were uncomfortable with the method of delivery at times as scriptures were acted out, the message to live more in the ways of the Gospel and less in the ways of the World is sound advice. These type of activities along with daily prayer, confession and Mass helps us prepare for Holy Week and Easter.

Thanks to all who have led, participated in and supported our Council activities this last month. I would like to thank Chris Hof for his leadership of many Youth Activities including the Free Throw Contest for the Council and the District, also his work on the Substance Abuse Poster Contest and the St Simon Scholarship program.

Thanks to the Ladies Auxiliary for their great work on the "Cases for Smiles" project where they made around 200 beautiful, colorful and fun pillow cases for kids with cancer. Also they put together a large number of Easter Baskets for children living with their expectant Mother's in a local home supporting pro-life efforts for these young families needing support. Also thanks to the Ladies and Knights that helped with the Parish Mission.

April 7th at 9am we will be building the boxes for the

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washer tournament at Wayne Wencker's home, so we are looking for about 8 - 10 guys that like to build stuff to come over. Please contact Wayne or Chris Keppler if you are interested in helping out.

Have a blessed Holy Week and Easter!

Vivat Jesus!

Bill

WASHER TOURNAMENT

Fellow Knights, please come and join us on Saturday May 19th at 8:30am to compete in the 1st annual St. Simon's Parish Washer Tournament. There will also be silent auctions, raffles, 50/50s, concessions, and more. Come and join the fun and celebrate with old friends, make new friends, and spend time with your fellow Knights.

The Entrance fee will be \$60 per team for pre-registration and \$70 day of. Flyers are available in the church lobby. Proceeds will go to fund MO Special Olympics and other parish events. Please contact Wayne Wencker at stsimonswashers@gmail.com or visit the Facebook page St Simons Washer Tournament. Thank you and we look forward to seeing you.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Youth of the Month: Tony F

Knight of the Month: Art Kratz

Family of the Month: The Forcelledo Family

ATTAINING ADVANCED DEGREES

Each Knight should consider attaining the Unity and Fraternity Degrees, and ultimately the Patriotic Degree.

If you are a Third Degree member, and have been for more than a few years, consider attending and observe the "new" 2nd and 3rd degree ceremonies.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Chris Hof

Substance Abuse and Alcohol Awareness Poster Contest

The St. Simon 5th graders are participating in the Substance Abuse and Alcohol Awareness poster contest this March, however, this contest is open to any ten or eleven year old. Contact Chris Hof (hofcj1@gmail.com; 314-691-2727) for more information.

Free Throw Tournament

The District Free Throw tournament was well attended and went great

UPCOMING DATES

3/29/18 **Founders Day**

4/05/18 **OFFICER'S MEETING**

4/19/18 **GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING**

4/29/18 **5th Sunday at St Frances de Sales**

10am– tour to be provided and
Doughnuts afterwards – Latin High
Mass – let Joe Hejnal know if
planning to attend 314.805.1287

5/03/18 **OFFICER'S MEETING**

5/17/18 **GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING**

5/19/18 **Washer Tournament**

8/25/18 **Car & Bike Show**

9/16/18 **KOC Night at Busch Stadium** (v. LAD)

FROM COLUMBIA ONLINE

As Catholic fathers, one of our main responsibilities is to pass on the faith to our children. We do this best by living the faith in an engaging way and by attending Mass with our family. But we also need to teach our kids the basics of the faith at a young age and make sure their Catholic knowledge grows as they do.

In teaching about Jesus and Mary, a summary of Gospel stories and a review of the mysteries of the rosary provide an excellent primer. What can we say about St. Joseph, the husband of Mary and adoptive father of Jesus, who has no words recorded in the Bible? In our online age in which every stray thought can be texted or tweeted, we can present Joseph as a model for our times — a man of action who goes against the tides and trends of the world.

As we approach St. Joseph's feast day March 19, consider these five "countercultural" qualities of Joseph that can be instructive to our children, as well as to us.

Attentive. Our kids are bombarded by distracting media, yet they long for peace of heart and mind. As Pope Francis has observed, Joseph was "constantly attentive to God" and responded with courage to heavenly messengers who told him to put aside the opinion of others. St. John Paul II also said that because of his attentiveness, Joseph had the "power of making great decisions." Our children, too, can do great things with St. Joseph at their side.

Humble. Social media, as forums for idealized personas and perfect images, are not noted for fostering humility. With a little guidance, our children can see through the online posturing and appreciate the value of honesty, the foundation of humility. Setting aside his own plans in order to follow God's will, Joseph "lowers himself and takes this great responsibility upon his shoulders," explains Pope Francis. St. Joseph teaches us that

humility does not mean passivity. Rather, his hidden life was defined by integrity and strength.

Protective. Our kids can feel vulnerable amid what Pope Francis calls a "throwaway culture," which does not respect the dignity of the human person — especially the unborn, the poor, the elderly, the sick and others on the periphery. In the face of harmful influences such as cyberbullying and online pornography, we should appeal to our children's desire for protection. St. Joseph was the guardian, or *custos*, of Jesus, and he is now the patron of the universal Church. As a father, show your children that you stand strong with Joseph.

Hardworking. Although life today is vastly different than in the time of St. Joseph, the demands of hard work are still essentially the same. "Work was the daily expression of love in the life of the family of Nazareth," wrote St. John Paul II. While our virtual age seeks pleasure first and is quick to demean or outsource menial labor, Joseph the carpenter rolls up his sleeves and reveals the dignity of human work. He is an example of someone who knows that hard work can be its own reward.

Loving. Our world is filled with distorted images of love that can cause our children great harm and heartache. Joseph is an antidote. Love for him was not red hearts and arrows but self-giving for the good of others. He also expressed a "tenderness," notes Pope Francis, a "strength of spirit and a capacity for concern, for compassion, for genuine openness to others, for love." Through St. Joseph, your kids can learn the true nature of love that is rooted in his care for Mary and Jesus.

Presenting St. Joseph with these countercultural virtues, we fathers should seek to imitate him in our own lives. That will be a win for our children, our families and ourselves.

SUPREME KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

LAST MONTH, I shared some thoughts on the tremendous growth of the Knights of Columbus Insurance program since the year 2000: Our insurance in force has grown from \$40 billion to nearly \$110 billion, and our assets under management are up from \$8.5 billion to nearly \$25 billion.

We can all be proud of this long-term, superior performance that, year after year, extends greater financial protection to the families of our brother Knights.

I am also especially proud that once again this year we were selected as one of the World's Most Ethical Companies by the Ethisphere Institute.

We are one of only 135 companies named from 23 countries — and we are one of only three honorees in the life insurance category.

This is the fifth consecutive year that the Knights of Columbus has been so honored.

This designation recognizes that the Knights of Columbus continues to show “exemplary leadership” in such areas as “improving culture, leading authentically and committing to transparency.”

At the Knights of Columbus, we share the Ethisphere Institute's commitment to “continually raising the standards of corporate behavior” and to “values-based leadership.”

And I am particularly grateful to have personally been named by Ethisphere as one of the “100 Most Influential People in Business Ethics” in 2014 and 2015.

As I have often said, we will not sacrifice our ethics in order to chase profits. On the contrary, we believe a values-based, ethical strategy in both marketing and investments is the best way

to achieve sustainability and to remain competitive in a free-market economy.

We are proud that the Knights of Columbus way of doing business is both ethical and successful. We maintain a decades-long tradition of superior performance in operations and on the balance sheet.

Our designation by the Ethisphere Institute came soon after the release of the 2018 Edelman Trust Barometer, which found that the United States is enduring the worst collapse in trust ever recorded in the 18-year history of the survey.

Most significantly, the survey found a 30-point decline in trust in government. The trust index ranked the United States lowest of all the 28 nations surveyed.

The report stated: “In a year marked by turbulence at home and abroad, trust in institutions in the United States crashed, posting the steepest, most dramatic decline the Trust Barometer has ever measured.”

It continued, “It is no exaggeration to state that the U.S. has reached a point of crisis that should provoke every leader, in government, business, or civil sector, into urgent action. Inertia is not an option, and neither is silence. The public's confidence in the traditional structures of American leadership is now fully undermined and has been replaced with a strong sense of fear, uncertainty and disillusionment.”

Its conclusion was perhaps most interesting: “Today, business and NGOs are viewed equally as the institutions holding the most hope for our respondents.”

This places a very special responsibility upon the Knights of Columbus as the greatest Catholic business and fraternal organization in

the world. And it is a challenge that we will not turn away from.

We will continue in our mission to maintain a strong, successful business model based upon an ethics of fraternity. And we will continue to promote our values of charity, unity and fraternity as the best foundation to rebuild trust in our social and governmental institutions.

In fact, working to return these values to the center of our national life may be one of the most patriotic actions we can take today.

Some may say that the values we cherish are becoming increasingly outdated. I would ask them to remember the words of Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.: "It is always the right time to do the right thing."

Today, we have a unique opportunity to bring our Catholic values into both the marketplace and the public square.

Vivat Jesus!

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Council Business Meeting Schedule

3rd Thursday of the month at 7:00 PM

Council Officers/Directors Meeting Schedule

1st Thursday of the month at 7:00 PM

Meeting Location

St. Simon the Apostle Catholic Church
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