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From the Desk of the Grand Knight...

My Brother Knights:

If you missed the Super Bowl Party and the Mardi Gras Party, you missed a great time. As you know we are in the Lenten Season. We are taking a break from our regular routine and try to give more time to God. The Parish Mission was a success. Thank you goes out to the Knights who helped on Hospitality after each night of the Mission. I encourage you to participate in the Lenten Activities which the parish and the Knights are hosting. I don't like to send out special mailings for each event so please cut out the Calendar of events and keep it in a prominent place.

The only fundraising we are doing for the Council, during Lent is the Craft Show on Saturday, March 28. Palm Sunday weekend, April 3, 4, 5, the spring M.I. Tootsie Roll Drive will take place. May God bless you and your families. Michele and I wish you a Happy and Blessed Easter.

Spring Craft Show

The annual Spring Craft Show will be Saturday, March 28. This is a great fundraiser that does not require a lot of work on our part. We set-up on Friday, at approximately 8:00pm, after Fish Fry. We need to be there at 8:00am on Saturday morning to help the crafters bring their thing in. The Craft Show doors open at 10:00am. Two people are needed to man the door. One to sell 50/50; one to sell "Tin Can Raffle" tickets. We sell food and refreshments. At 4:00pm we help the Crafters take their things back to their vehicles. Help the Council with an easy fundraiser.

M.I. Tootsie Roll Drive

Palm Sunday weekend, the Knights are out in their yellow vests "hawking" Tootsie Rolls for our annual Mentally Impaired Tootsie Roll Drive. Please help us by working a corner for a couple of hours. We work Warren and Beech Daly on Friday. We work Ford Rd & Beech Daly and Warren & Telegraph on Saturday. We are outside of Church after each Mass on Saturday and Sunday. Don't assume someone else will take your place.

Bowling with the Knights

Friday evening, April 17, the Knights are bowling at Oxford Lanes. The money we raise helps pay for the two Seminarians that the Council sponsors. There are no fantastic pro bowlers just a bunch of people that get together for some fun. Come join us.

Neighbors Helping Neighbors in Need



Carl A. Anderson
Supreme Knight

Giving generously of time to help others will set the stage for a hopeful future.

As the economic crisis continues and workers in every sector experience increased hardship, it is natural for many of us to express a feeling of helplessness in the face of impersonal financial forces that seem beyond our control.

However, in the midst of what some experts believe is the worst worldwide downturn since the Great Depression, there is something each of us can do to help, even before a stimulus package is passed or Wall Street rebounds. Very simply, we can turn a helping hand to our neighbors in need — the people in our parishes, the families in our neighborhoods, the soup kitchens and clothing drives in our communities. Even if we don't have extra money to give to charity, nearly all of us can find an additional few minutes a day, or one hour a week, to volunteer.

In doing so, we will be following the words of Pope Benedict XVI, who tells us in his encyclical on charity, *Deus Caritas Est*. "Love — *caritas* — will always prove necessary, even in the most just society. There is no ordering of the State so just that it can eliminate the need for a service of love."

If greed — one of the worst aspects of human nature — helped push us into this crisis, then one of the best aspects of our nature — generosity — will be necessary to pull us out. We are told in the Gospels that we will be judged on how we treat the "least" among us. Certainly, as

more workers join the ranks of the unemployed, there are many households that now desperately need our help.

With our Christian faith, and the great tradition of charity demonstrated by the Knights of Columbus since its founding, we can make each day better for one person or one family. It is this model of neighbor helping neighbor that served as the theme of the summit on volunteerism that the Order sponsored in New York City on Feb. 27. Leaders from a wide range of volunteer organizations gathered to address today's unique problems and to announce the necessity of working with one another and with our local and federal governments to address this dire situation. Yet, the message of this important summit will be only so many words unless it is backed up by action — millions of volunteers, including Knights, who will reach out to someone in need.

Our local councils, connected as they are to their parishes and communities, are known for grassroots projects designed specifically to meet individual needs. Therefore, in answering the call to volunteer, we Knights need only do more of what we already do as individuals and councils: recruit more men and their families to our ranks to

help with the growing needs around us.

We must also be more active in seeking out those who need our assistance, which means that local councils should work even more closely with their parishes. Imagine if each Sunday, in the thousands of Catholic churches where the Order is present, parishioners were informed of Knights of Columbus service projects in their area. The opportunities to give of time and talent would be multiplied, those who are struggling would be lifted in spirit, and strong ties of faith and fellowship would be built.

On Wall Street, personal decisions motivated by the desire for unfettered individual advantage will long be remembered as a hallmark of this economic crisis. It is now up to us on Main Street to make personal decisions for the well-being of our neighbors. Let us work to make a spirit of volunteerism the hallmark of our nation's recovery and truly become a nation of neighbors helping neighbors. If we do so, we will have set the stage for more than an economic recovery; we will have set a new and powerful moral compass for the future of our society.

Sick List

Please remember the sick and recovering from our council and their family members especially,

Bishop S.K. Francis Reiss
 B.K. Ted Bartek
 B.K John Cahillane
 B.K. Richard Chavez
 Joan Dodson, mother-in-law of S.K. Program Director Mike Beurer
 B.K. Larry Farchione
 Patricia June, wife of S.K. David & mother of S.K. Mike June
 B.K. Bill Kubik
 Flo Mattis, wife of B.K. Frank Mattis
 B.K. Bob Percha
 Daughter of B.K. Ray Kulpa
 Stephanie Pruchnik daughter of S.K. Inside Guard Walter Pruchnik

If you know of a Brother Knight or member of his family who is in need of our prayers, please contact GK Tom Kramarz or DGK Dave Zmudczvnski.

In Memory



Priscilla Cronin, Mother-in-law of District Warden S.K. Jim Krolikowski

Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel

Saint Michael the Archangel,
 Defend us in battle.

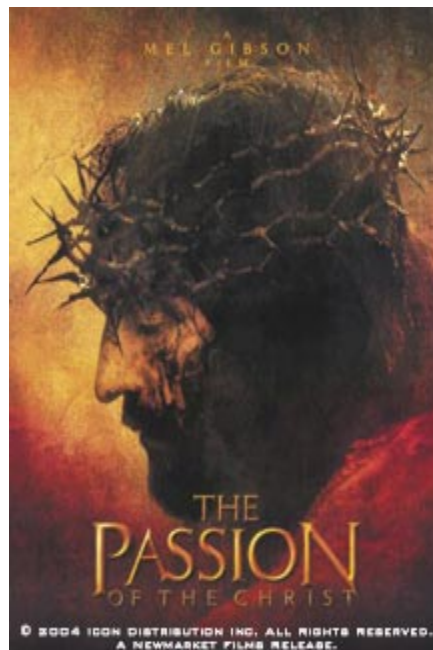
Be our protection against
 The wickedness and snares
 Of the devil.

May God rebuke him,
 We humbly pray;
 And do thou,

O Prince of the Heavenly Host –
 By the Divine Power of God –
 Cast into hell, Satan and all evil
 Spirits, who roam
 Throughout the world seeking
 The ruin of souls.
 - Amen

It has been recommended by our Chancellor that his prayer be memorized by the council as it will be recited at the conclusion of our Business Meetings moving forward. Its purpose is to pray for the troops that are answering the call of their country and protect the people in need.

The "Passion"



Once again, the Fr. Veryser Council is sponsoring a showing of "The Passion of the Christ" on April 5th at 7:00. This viewing is open to all as it provides an opportunity to reflect on the Easter season. Please Plan to attend.

Be an Active Member

Are You an active member,
 The kind that would be missed,
 Or are you just contented
 That your name is on the list?

Do you attend the meetings
 And mingle with the flock,
 Or do you stay at home
 And criticize and knock?

Do you take an active part
 To help the work along,
 Or are you satisfied to be
 The kind that just belongs?

Do you ever work on committees
 To see there is no trick,
 Or leave the work to just a few
 And talk about the clique?

So come to meetings often
 And help with hand and heart,
 Don't be just a member
 But take an active part.

Think it over, Brother,
 You know right from wrong,
 Are you an active member
 Or do you just go along?

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Looking For New Members

JOIN US

- IF** you want to help improve your community;
- IF** you want to support the Church and grow in your faith;
- IF** you have an interest in the welfare of young people;
- IF** you believe in preserving family values;
- IF** you have concerns about financially protecting your loved ones;
- IF** you are a practical Catholic man at least 18 years of age;

SIGN UP A NEW MEMBER

About Our Organization...

The Knights was formed to render financial aid to members and their families. Mutual aid and assistance are offered to sick, disabled and needy members and their families. Social and intellectual fellowship is promoted among members and their families through educational, charitable, religious, social welfare, war relief and public relief works. Thanks to the efforts of Father

Michael J. McGivney, assistant pastor of St. Mary's Church in New Haven and some of his parishioners, the Connecticut state legislature on March 29, 1882, officially chartered the Knights of Columbus as a fraternal benefit society. The Order is still true to its founding principles of charity, unity and fraternity.



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