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Grand Knight's Message

Don Mesley, Grand Knight

The "Holiday Season" is the common phrase, but for us it is "Christmas Joyful." We all know what this time of year brings and represents. That is not what I am writing about. What I would like you, my Brothers, to dwell on is "Thanks" in regard to being grateful every morning you get out of bed; do you thank the Lord for that lovely bright sky, the beauty of nature, our precious Earth?

That phrase of "Thank You," you may hear it during your busy day. You probably said it to the waitress who served your lunch. But did you honestly feel gratitude to that young woman?

My friends, be grateful to our Lord for your lives – for everything; your loved ones and yes, also that grouchy neighbor.

Look about you, see the beauty. It is everywhere. The gifts we receive everyday. These are the true gifts we receive. How do we show our thanks?

During this trying time, we hear about friends or family facing a crisis. Drop them a quiet prayer. "Please, Lord, help my friends Debbie and Steve, over the crisis. Lift the fear and worry from their hearts. Fill them with your love. Oh, Lord, thank you my God. I love you with all my heart, body, and soul."

I found this prayer. I am sure it will do for your what it did for me:

I pray that God will just take over all the problems I couldn't solve, and I am ready for tomorrow with my cares dissolved.

But I will sing of thy might; I will sing aloud of my steadfast love in the morning. For thou hast been to me a fortress and a refuge in the day of my distress. – Psalm 59

Today, release your worries into God's hands. Solutions are His specialty.

Be thankful in our gift, our baby Jesus.

My own special thanks for all my friends. My Brothers, thank you for being there, for all your heard and support.

Remember the poor, the homeless, the hungry, and the less fortunate.

Do not ever look down at another person for

"By the grace of God there go I."

St. Anthony, pray for us, love in our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Don Mesley G.K.

If you would like to know of any item you feel we should include in the newsletter, please write me a note. E-mail me (Toni4Don@aol.com) or verbally tell me.

Father Joe's Message

From the Chaplain's Desk

Dear Brother Knights & Families:

We have just finished celebrating Thanksgiving Day and the eyes of the world are focus on Christmas. There is much to do as people will be writing and sending Christmas Cards, preparing for and attending Christmas parties and buying and giving of gifts, all to celebrate Christmas. A lot of energy and time will be expended on the commercial side of Christmas. As the days fly everyone is hustling to complete all their tasks before Christmas Day arrives.

Unfortunately many people will celebrate Christmas primarily as a holiday with Santa and his reindeers as the central focus of the day. Sadly, we forget that Christmas Day is really about the Nativity of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. As Knights of Columbus we need to remember the saying, "Keep Christ in Christmas." Without Christ there would be no Christmas and He rightfully deserves to be glorified and honored on that day.

We have some time before Christmas to make sure that we ourselves and also our families keep Christ in Christmas. Take the time to prepare yourselves spiritually to receive the new born Christ into your lives. Pray and meditate on the miracle of Christ's Birth and how it impacted a world that was filled with darkness and despair.

Our country is experiencing a difficult time economically. Perhaps gifts won't be so plentiful under the Christmas tree this year. Yet, if we prepare to receive Christ into our hearts, we may experience a joy and fulfillment that is much greater than any joy we could experience from a material gift.

Let us pray that Christ will indeed be present to us on Christmas Day. May all of you and your families experience the true joy and peace of Christ as you participate in the Mass on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day!
In Christ,

Rev. Joseph Hutsko

December 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5 AARP Lunch – Please call Harold if you can lend a helping hand	6 St. Nicholas Craft Fair – Please show Father Joe our support
7 Corporate Communion at 10 / FONCO Meeting at 7pm	8	9	10	11 Officers Meeting at 7pm	12	13 Council Christmas Party Beginning at 11
14	15	16	17	18 Council Meeting at 7pm	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 A BLESSED AND FULL OF LOVE CHRISTMAS!	26	27
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Message to Members of Council #3041

This is a message from your Financial Secretary about the invoices of dues that are going out by December 15, 2008. The invoices will cover dues owed from January through December 2009. For those Knights that we receive their payment by the January 15, 2009 Council meeting, their name will be put into a drawing. The winner whose name is pulled will receive their dues returned, minus the 365 club.

Good Luck Brother Knights,

**Tom Baumgartner
Financial Secretary**

Children's Christmas Party / Christmas Baskets

Our Children's Christmas Party will be Saturday, December 13th. If you can help, please give me a call if you have any ideas. I would like to hear them. Let's make this special.

We are still collecting clothes from Mary's House of Mercy. We have collected some items and will be making a trip to deliver them.

Blessed John XXII will be distributing Christmas baskets the week before Christmas. They are taking names of the needy and are grateful for any gifts, food, or money.

With Sympathy

Brother Bill Martin's wife passed away recently. May the Lord Jesus ease his suffering. Please join me in praying for Bill and his family.

2008-2009 Council 3041 Calendar of Events

December 5th AARP lunch - Call Harold if you can help

December 6th St. Nicholas Craft Fair - Support our Chaplin Father Joe

December 7th St. Nicholas Corporate Communion 10:00am mass everyone is invited - bring your family

December 13th Council 3041 Christmas party 11:00 bring all your family all our welcome. Don't miss Santa

December 25th Merry Christmas to all our Brothers their family and the Brothers who are not with us any longer.

January date not set Corporate Communion either at St George or St Catherine's

January 19th 1st degree - We need help from you Brothers out there, go out and find a new Brother.

January 23rd Clergy night 6:30 in Yucaipa - All Brothers and your wife's our welcome.

February 21st Ladies appreciation night 6:00pm at the Hall. Bring your wife's and friends, Good time for all.

February 28th 4th degree Ontario, Looking for Brothers who are a 3rd degree and ready for your 4th.

March date not set Corporate Communion St. Joseph

March 21st Poker Night 5:30 - For men only - bring a guest.

March 25th PRO LIFE 6:30 will be held at St. Nicholas

April 5th St Joseph Palm Sunday Breakfast - we will need some help work starts at 6:30

April 6th Officers Meeting

April date not set Corporate Communion either at St George or St Catherine's.

May 12th officers meeting

May 16-17 State Convention San Diego

May 21st Council elections

June 7th 3rd degree at the Hall 2:00, we will need lot's of help for this one.

June 18th Council appreciation Dinner meeting, dinner to start at 6:30pm.