

Dominican Express



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Grand Knights Message



Dear Brothers,

The Knights of Columbus has always repeated all over the country and throughout the world the simple phrase "Keep Christ in Christmas." It is an insightful statement and unabashedly straightforward. However, in a recent reflection of this statement my mind shifted from Jesus to his loving father Joseph.

The Christmas story would not be complete without Joseph. Historically and culturally Joseph is eclipsed by Jesus and his Blessed Mother, as it should be. However, we are so focused on Jesus and his Blessed Mother that we forget Joseph, the paternal and patient man behind the scenes.

We as Catholic gentlemen should try at times to look at the scene of the nativity from the point of view of Joseph. Perhaps we will understand how Joseph as a husband and father, might have found following God's will difficult, but continued to do so. When Mary told him she was with child, he was compassionate and understanding. When the angel spoke to a confused Joseph in a dream, he followed God's will by taking Mary as his wife. When the Romans ordered everyone to return to their hometown, for the purpose of a census and taxation, he accepted and lovingly took his wife with child on the eighty mile journey to Bethlehem. When arriving in Bethlehem after traveling a long distance, he was unable to find a room, and humbly accepted the manger for what was to become the birthplace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

I tell you the story that is so familiar to us to illustrate the difficulties and tribulations that Joseph endured as he listened to the will of God. We are like Joseph in terms of his human experience and what he endured in the prelude leading to the birth of Jesus.

It is through that suffering that we can experience joy. Joseph probably never imagined, the magnitude of joy, he would experience at the birth of his son Jesus. When that small stable in Bethlehem, came alive with a glow, from all of the stars in heaven, it must have been at that exact moment; Joseph realized why it was necessary to follow God's will.

As we pass Christmas day and head past the Feast of the Epiphany our "Keep Christ in Christmas" message will naturally decrease as we shift our focus to the Easter season. We will put away our nativity sets, and our Christmas trees will come down and our decorations stored away for another year. The challenge is to keep that enduring Christmas spirit alive in our hearts all year. Saint Joseph and his life, serve as an example of how with a quiet reserve, we can maintain a true Christian spirit by following God's will. May we keep Saint Joseph in Christmas and beyond as a fraternal example of Christian obedience to our Lord Jesus Christ.

As each day grows brighter, with each passing day after Christmas, may the light of Christ grow brighter in our hearts as we continue to grow in his love.

Yours in Christ,

James Collins
Grand Knight

Christmas Basket Drive

It was another successful drive this year for the Christmas baskets. We will be able to raise \$1,000 for this worthwhile cause and we were able to purchase enough for ten baskets!

20th Annual Brendan Toohey Memorial Mass & Breakfast

St. Dominic Council is hosting this event on February 28th, 2010 at Holy Rosary Church. This is a call to service. We need as many people to help and attend as possible. Please contact PGK FS CT John Bianco 914-769-3005 or GK Jim Collins at 914-260-2370.

Membership Dues

As a reminder our annual dues notices will be sent out to your homes by our PGK FS John Bianco. It is important that you mail them back in a timely fashion to maintain your membership as well as ease of roster maintenance. Further if your address has changed please contact our Financial Secretary PGK John Bianco at 914-769-3005.

2010 Upcoming Schedule of Events

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| | Joy is a net of love by which you can catch souls. A joyful heart is the inevitable result of a heart burning with love. Mother Teresa |
| 1/5/2010 | Council Meeting |
| 1/9/2010 | “A Child is Born” contemporary Christian music to be performed by Servants of the Shepard Call Ralph Mola 914-239-7832— See Attached Flyer. A great way to end the Christmas season. |
| 1/15/2010 | Chapter and Conference Meeting. Dumphy Council White Plains NY |
| 1/17/2010 | Annual St. Patrick’s Pro-Life Mass-St Patrick’s Cathedral New York 10:15 AM |
| 1/19/2010 | Council Meeting- (Nomination of Westchester Putnam Awards Ball honoree) |
| 1/31/2010 | Third Degree-Mount Kisco. Calling all third degree members it is time to take the plunge! Contact Chancellor Lou Marelo 914-671-5330 |
| 2/2/2010 | Council Meeting |
| 2/7/2010 | Super Bowl Sunday. Contact PGK Paul Ciccimarra-914-769-6778 |
| 2/16/2010 | Council Meeting |
| 2/28/2010 | Brendan Toohey Communion Breakfast hosted by St. Dominic Council |
| 3/13/2010 | Westchester Putnam Free Throw Contest |
| 3/21/2010 | Westchester Putnam Awards Ball |

First Annual St Dominic Council Charity Ball Fundraiser

This event is going to be scheduled in March date to be determined. It will be held at Jesses Villa in Pleasantville. DJ by none other than our

Knights of Columbus Free Throw: PGK FS John Bianco will be arranging our Council Free Throw in the January/February timeline. Please help with this worthwhile event. Details will follow.

Fourth Degree: The fourth degree is scheduled for April 10, 2010 at the Holiday Inn in Fishkill, NY.

First and Second and Third Degree

There is a first and second degree scheduled for 12/29. Second degrees can participate in that section. Also, Third degree on 1/31 in Mount Kisco please see Chancellor Lou Marelo if interested in advancing 914-671-5330

Super Bowl Party:

The Super Bowl party is coming up once again. Super Bowl Chairman is PGK Paul Ciccimarra 914-769-6778

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| <p>Hall Rental Available</p> <p>Call 914-769-9899</p> <p>Email: kofc4399@gmail.com</p> | <p>KNIGHTS INSURANCE AGENT BRENDAN P. MCCABE 126 RIDGEVIEW LANE YORKTOWN HEIGHTS, NY 10598 PHONE: 914-439-1779 EMAIL: BRENDAN.MCCABE@KOFCC.ORG</p> | <p>Pray the Rosary Daily</p>  |
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