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GRAND KNIGHTS REPORT

Merry Christmas
And
Happy New Year
To you and your family

William Wright, Grand Knight

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Council Meetings
8p.m. Thursday
December 11, 2008
January 8, 2009
February 12, 2009

District Deputy Comments

Brothers,

December is now here and it is time to think of the colder weather, and the Holiday Season which is quickly approaching. There is less than 5 weeks to Christmas. With the financial situation the way it is, we may not be able to have the kind of Holiday season we have had in the past. But, just because you may not be able to buy the big ticket items you would like to give your family and friends, doesn't mean you cannot have a great season anyway.

The best gift you can give someone is the gift of your love and support. If there is someone in your family that you haven't called in a while, or maybe the last time you spoke to them, the conversation didn't end very pleasantly, this would be a great time to call them and say "Hi, how are you? I just wanted to let you know I love you and miss you." Those simple words can mean something special to someone that is having a tough time. Sometimes, just spending some time with them will be enough to make them feel better about themselves and whatever they are going through right now. It works both ways also. Think of how good you will feel knowing that your friendship, love and support made a difference in someone's life. Life is too short, and being a friend to someone will make you both feel wonderful. Even if things are going good for someone, friendship can only be an uplifting experience.

Christmas is approaching rapidly and there will be many people sitting at home with no one to share the day with. Invite them to your home or take them to a restaurant with your family. You will make them happy and lift your own spirits, knowing you made a difference in someone's day.

I would like to thank PGK Rick Mastronardi for coming up with the idea of the Thanksgiving and Christmas Fellowship dinners. I remember the first Thanksgiving Dinner we hosted at the Church, and the good times had by those attending. One woman comes to mind from that day, and what she said to me as I walked her out to her car made the whole day worth it. She was approximately 90 yrs old, and had no family in the area to spend the day with. As I carried her "Doggy bag" out to her car, we were talking about the day. Tears started to form in her eyes and she thanked me for the great afternoon she had with her Church Family. She told me that if it weren't for the Knights, she would have been sitting home, eating a cold turkey sandwich, totally alone. I felt great, knowing this Council made her day, helping her spend a day with friends, old and new, and she wasn't alone.

Think about how YOU could make a difference in someone's life.

**John A. Gazis, PGK
District Deputy**

Membership Committee Message

Congratulations to Raymond Zuhowski and Joseph Abbica on attending their Second Degree on Thursday, November 20 in Parlin. The class was huge, 60 candidates being exemplified that evening. There is a Third Degree at Parlin on Friday, November 28 and some of our eligible candidates will be attending that evening. Anyone wishing to come and witness the Degree should be at the Church at 6:30 p.m. in suit and tie. We will carpool up as a group

We are still looking for new candidates to join our Council, as that is what keeps a Council vibrant and enjoyable. They bring new ideas and perspectives to our group, as well as bringing new hands to our events. If you know of someone who would be a great addition to our Council, bring them to one of our functions, introduce them around, give them an application and ask them to join.

The Committee thanks our new Insurance Agent, Michael Permuko and General Agent Dan Pollaci for their work during the membership drive at St. Peters in Pt Pleasant Beach last month. Their hard work during all the Masses that weekend brought us 5 transfers as well as many potential new members. Hopefully, some of those men that gave their names and phone numbers stating their interest in joining our Council will do so.

From the Webmaster – John A. Gazis, DD31

If you would like to receive this newsletter via e-mail, contact me via e-mail and I will put your name on the e-mail list, thus saving the Council some valuable funds.

The Council's website, www.kofc7926.org, is now password protected. Members who have contacted me and received their password will have full access to the site. The general public, and members who have not requested access, will be permitted to see some of the site, but won't be able to see certain areas restricted to the membership. I had this done because some members and Officers, did not want their phone numbers and e-mail address visible to the general public. Members with passwords will be able to see the phone numbers with the Officers picture, but persons without a password will not.

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WARRENS WORLD

Short Stories

MY CHRISTIAN ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND HOW I HELPED AFTER KATRINA -
by Rev Jesse Jackson & Rev Al Sharpton

MY LITTLE BOOK OF PERSONAL HYGIENE - by Osama Bin Laden

THINGS I CANNOT AFFORD - by Bill Gates

A COLLECTION of MOTIVATIONAL SPEECHES - by Dr. J Kevorkian

ALL THE MEN I HAVE LOVED BEFORE - by Ellen de Generes & Rosie O'Donnel

GUIDE TO DATING ETIQUETTE - by Mike Tyson

THE AMISH TELEPHONE DIRECTORY

MY PLAN TO FIND THE REAL KILLERS - by O.J. Simpson

DRINKING AND DRIVING OVER BRIDGES - by Ted Kennedy

MY BOOK OF PERSONAL MORALS - by Bill Clinton
with introduction by The Rev. Jesse Jackson

AND, JUST ADDED:

My Accomplishments in Congress - by Barack Obama

December 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	Dec 1 Assembly 2143 Meeting	2	3	4 A.C. Bus Trip ~ Trump Marina	5	6
7	8 8pm Ocean County Chapter Meeting	9	10	11 Council 7926 Meeting	12	13 11am- Children's Christmas Party
14 7am- 11am Family Breakfast ~ 7926	15	16	17	18 A.C. Bus Trip ~ Taj Mahal	19	20 7926 Christmas Party
21	22	23	24 7926 Christmas Dinners	25 Christmas	26	27
28	29	30	31 New Years Eve			

January 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				Jan 1 New Year's Day	2	3
4	5 Assembly 2143 Meeting	6	7	8 A.C. Bus Trip ~ Marina Council 7926 Meeting	9	10
11 7am- Family Breakfast ~ 7926	12 8pm Ocean County Chapter Meeting	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22 A.C. Bus Trip ~ Taj Mahal Council 7926 Social Meeting	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31