

The Knightly News

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COUNSEL FROM OUR CHAPLAIN



HAPPY NEW YEAR!

As we begin 2006, we look to many wonderful activities for community and spiritual development.

The Wine & Wisdom series for Mondays - January 9, 16 & 23 will be most informative. The series is entitled "Catholics and Protestants: How are we the same or different?" May I suggest attendance to every Brother Knight.

It will not be long before Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent. Note that we will have an excellent series

of talks on "Prayer Forms". Watch for details.

My prayers for 2006 are for faith development in our parish. May your active membership in the Knights' activities deepen your life of faith.

Sincerely in Christ,
Msgr. Neal

From The Grand Knight

I have thought much about political correctness lately, particularly during this recent Christmas Season. Over the years, like many of you, I think I have been programmed to the point of not wanting to offend anyone, and I have tailored my 'seasons greetings' to make sure that my remarks were not considered offensive. "Happy Holidays to all" and "Seasons Greeting to Everyone" I have said, knowing that no one could be upset with that - a political "no harm, no foul". Thanks to some comments from various pulpits though, and a general sensing from some of the other Knights and friends, I have begun to rethink the equation.

I acknowledge that political correctness is good in a way, in that there is little or no possibility for anyone to be offended. But who? Who am I concerned so much about offending? To answer that, I conducted a mini survey of my own, starting with about 50 people that I knew, including friends of varying faiths; Christian, Jews, Muslims and then I spread to the general public. I can report that of my friends, not a single one was offended, including those of other faiths. I believe that, because I asked. I got a "Happy Hanukkah to you Skip" on one occasion, but the general feedback was that the idea that someone would be offended was nonsense. Next, I asked those whom I did not know. Same greeting, same question, same results, although I did get one self proclaimed Gnostic, who was not offended, but wondered why people greet each other in such a way. "It's a way of sharing the joy of our beliefs", I said, and I said a prayer for that guy at Mass. One store clerk said that they were instructed to say "Happy holidays - so that they didn't offend anyone". I thought that perhaps I should ask the

manager if he were offended if I (and other Christians) shopped elsewhere.

While my mini-survey is not a robust model of the scientific process, I think nevertheless that we have made “much ado about nothing” regarding this political correctness issue. From now on, I will greet people with “Merry Christmas” without reluctance, and welcome back into my vocabulary “Happy Easter”, and “God bless you”. I hope all the Knights will join me in doing so.

Regarding our general meetings, here is a New Years resolution that you can bank on. Our business meetings will last no more than one hour (with 10 additional minutes for our Deacon if requested), and we will have light refreshments at the meetings (small sandwiches, soft drinks, etc.). We are hoping this will be additional incentive for all members to want to attend the meeting.

I look forward to seeing all of you at our next meeting, and by the way “Merry Christmas” and a Happy New Year.

Fraternally Yours,
Skip Sharp, GK

A MINUTE WITH THE MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR

We have two new members.

Congratulations to Graham Morgan and Lester Richardson who took their First Degree on Monday October 17, 2005. When you see them, be sure to shake their hand and welcome them to our council.

Our goal this year is nine new members so we have some work to do. With Monsignor Dolan’s permission our next membership drive will be Sunday January 15, 2006. A table will be set up on the patio with lots of information. Please bring your friends and the person sitting next to you, in front of you and behind you to the table. NO HARD SELL. Knights will be available to provide information and answer questions.

Help is also needed to support the 5:30

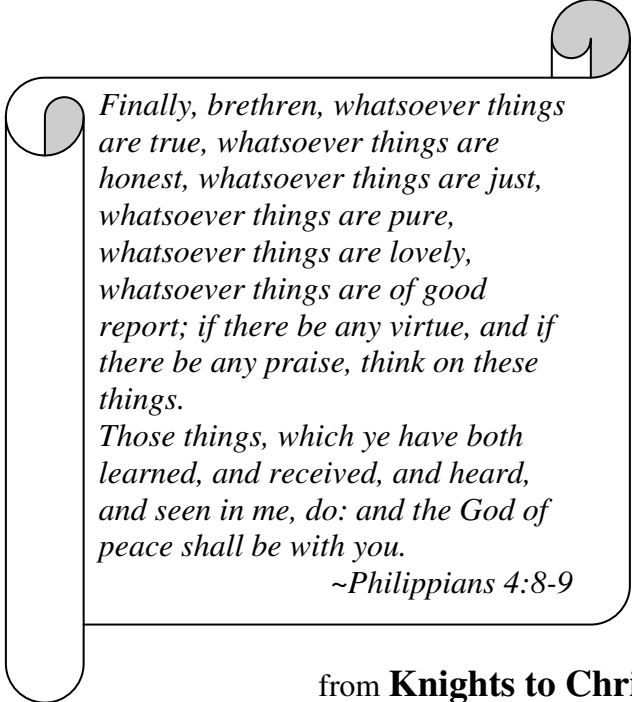
Masses on Saturday and Sunday evening. Please give me a call if you can support at 673-7397.

Fraternally,
John Giltner, PGK, FDD

UNITY

Rise up, O men of God,
Have done with lesser things,
Give heart and soul and mind and strength
To serve the King of Kings.
Bring in the day of brotherhood
And end the night of wrong.
The Church for you doth wait,
Her strength unequal to her task;
Rise up and make her great.
Lift high the cross of Christ,
Tread where His feet have trod;
As brothers of the Son of Man,
Rise up, O men of God.

~William P. Merrill



Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.

Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you.

~Philippians 4:8-9

from **Knights to Christ**
Vivat Jesus,
Vern Snyder, DG

January 2006

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7:00 PM: General Meeting, Knight's Room

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6:30 PM: First Friday Adoration Mass

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7:00 PM: Assembly Meeting, San Rafael's

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7:30 PM: S.D. Diocese Chapter Meeting?

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Pro-Life Walk after 7:30 Mass

Membership Drive Patio After 5:30 Mass

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Membership Drive, Patio After each Mass

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7:00 PM: Officer's Meeting, Knight's Room

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NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE

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