

THE KNIGHT NEWS
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CHAPLAINS MESSAGE

Perhaps you remember a song made famous by Barbara Mandrell, “I was country when country wasn’t cool.” The title reflects the reality that there was a time when country music was very much on the fringe and even considered a joke by many. Suddenly, all that changed, and it became mainstream and popular. For years, the Knights have championed the cause to “Keep Christ in Christmas.” For many years, few people noticed the annual campaign. Suddenly, in the face of increased cultural pressure for political correctness, that slogan has become a battle cry. Many ordinary Catholics are joining the fight, simply fed up with more and more ways that Christ is denied. Once again, and this year in a special way with the first annual Tree Lighting at the Knights Tower, you will take up the cause to “Keep Christ in Christmas.” As you do so, may I remind you to not overlook a very important audience for that message? Of course, the politically correct and secular crowd needs to hear, but so also do countless Catholics. That’s right. How many Catholics fail to “Keep Christ in Christmas?” Over the years, many have gotten lazy about including religious traditions that remind us of Jesus from telling the Nativity Story to proudly displaying symbols of our faith. Perhaps most blatant of all is the ease with which many Catholics have adopted the phrase, “Happy Holidays.” So this year, as you renew your noble efforts to remind the world of the real reason for this season, let us remember that, sadly, perhaps most of all, we need to begin at home. If Catholics, themselves, would simply live and boldly profess their faith, there would no need for a campaign to “Keep Christ in Christmas.” Keep up the good work! Merry Christmas!

Father Ken, Chaplain

MESSAGE FROM YOUR GRAND KNIGHT

As we approach the Christmas season, the assaults begin, did you know that Australia just banned Santa Claus from saying ho,ho,ho. they claim it is derogatory, I say one ho is derogatory, ho ho is a ring ding out west, ho ho ho is Santa. all though this is happening in Australia, they just beat us to the punch.

Don't be to surprised if they (the seculars) try to do that here too. There was another instance where a woman living in an assisted home was told there could be no angle on top of her Christmas tree, unfortunately, I cant remember where it was, but it was emailed to me through the AFA (American family association).

This is why we need our Columbian squires and youth ministries, they are our future .The majority of today's parents don't go to church or even try to teach their children about Jesus, most of the kids learn about Jesus through their grandparents. There is a lost generation out there, who are very secular, our future depends on these kids, we need to teach them, we need to get the word out to them, so as brother knights, keep up the good work, our council is working very hard to start a squire circle, and we are very close to accomplishing this goal, when we get the circle started more will come...merry Christmas, and have a very wonderful and safe new year Vivat Jesus Al Del Tufo G.K.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Dec 6st --OFFICERS MEETING 7:30 PM

Dec. 8th—TREE LIGHTING 7:00PM

Dec. 11th --NO REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING --

OUR CHRISTMAS PARTY 7:30PM

During Advent, which begins in 2007 on December 2, we emphasize the joy that some would compare to the months before a child is born: excitement, wonder, joy, expectation, even exhilaration at the life that is in our midst right now, yet also a hope and longing, and a carefulness to get things into order.

During the Christmas season we celebrate the wonder of the Incarnation. How wondrously we are made that the Word of God would become one of us! God shows us how to live fully: by pouring out our lives for others. That is what the days of Christmas are all about.

Epiphany and the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord celebrate Christ becoming manifest—that is, present—to all peoples. On Epiphany we focus on the three Wise Men symbolizing the many races for whom Christ was born. The baptism of Jesus marks the beginning of his public ministry. God's "Christmas gift" of the Incarnation is a gift for everyone!

INSURANCE MATTERS

Tempus fugit. Time flies. The older we get, the more that statement seems to ring true. Especially as we prepare to ring in another new year. I hope that 2005 was a healthy, prosperous year for you and your family.

If you're like most people, you've made some resolutions for the new year. If I may, I'd like to add to your list of resolutions by two. First, write them down. A resolution is really a goal for the year and, until you commit a goal to writing, it's nothing more than a wish. So write your resolutions down.

Second, visit with your professional Knights of Columbus insurance agent. The "insurance check-up" that I'll provide (free of charge, by the way!) will quickly identify any gaps in your family's life insurance program. And you'll want to fill those gaps now, not later. Because unlike many other products, you need more than money to obtain life insurance. You also need good health, and no one will ring a bell warning you when your health is about to change.

Knights of Columbus life insurance offers something precious few other financial products can – guarantees. As long as you pay your premiums, the policy proceeds will be there for your beneficiaries should something happen to you. We call that peace of mind, and that's – as they say in the credit card commercial – priceless.

Bob Dodds (609) 978-6396

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING SICK MEMBERS OF OUR COUNCIL, AND THEIR FAMILIES, IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Deacon James Dougherty Jr., Susan Accommodo, George Blaner, Ronald Gee, Eugene Levers, Marie Schwind, Charles Giles, Peter Ryan, Bob O'Keefe, Ed Hogan Sr., Sharon (Dodds) Roskaft, Susan Dodds, Tanya (Dodds) Warnock, John Donato, Frances Diovanni, Helen Ronan, Elena Porsch, Ed Hogan, Gail Cassidy, George Agin Sr., John Pescatore, Father John Ullrich of Saint Francis, Joseph Talluto Jr., Rosemarie Dringus, Laurie LaBrie and Rosemarie Cebulski-Mazur

Deceased: Lewis Collette, Marie Scott (Mother-In-Law of Grand Knight), Our Beloved SK James Cassidy PGN.

ALL NAMES WILL REMAIN ON OUR PRAYER LIST UNTIL IT IS REQUESTED THAT THEY BE REMOVED

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ALBERT DEL TUFO
GRAND KNIGHT

CITY/STATE _____

COUNCIL #3826 BOOSTER CLUB

NAME AND EXPIRATION DATE

FRANK KALAKOWSKI 6/08

RICHARD PORSCH 1/08

ROBERT CASSIN

WILLIAM MULDOON 12/07

PATRICK DI GIOVANNI

DOROTHY A. CUGLIOTTA

MARTY & RUTH BROSS 8/08

JIM & JEANNINE BOCKIN 07/08

ARCHIE & MILLE TRUPPA 7/08

WALT&BETSY GASIOROWSKI 8/08

AUSTIN FREELY 9/08

CHARLES SERWIN 8/08

GEORGE & JUDY BINET 08/09

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RICK MASSIMIANO 3/08

TOM STAPLETON 7/08

ROBERT BIRD 6/08

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RALPH GUINITI 1/08

BUD DESALVO 3/08

SAL CULIOTTA 2/08

GEORGE & JEAN MCGUIRE 1/09

ROBERT WOLFRUM PAID FOR TWO YRS 08/09

JAMES OHARA 3/08

BILL CAVANAUGH 11//08

RATMOND MILLNER PAID 11/09

DAN MENCHISE ONE YR 11/08

THE BEST OF NASHVILLE COUNTRY CHRISTMAS

December 5-9, 2007

5 Days/4 Nights

\$1059 Per Person Double Occupancy

\$270 Single Occupancy

For Trip Reservations Contact Jenny at 732-350-9292

**TRIP TO PEDDLER'S VILLAGE
STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL
SATURDAY, MAY 3, 2008
\$29.00 PER PERSON**

Peddler's Village, Bucks County's premier shopping, dining, lodging and entertainment destination, is an eighteenth-century style attraction. The Village features 70 quality specialty shops and restaurants, a 70-room luxury inn, year round festivals and craft competitions plus an antique operating carousel, set amidst 42 acres of bountifully landscaped winding brick pathways. Peddler's Village is a perfect place to visit any season of the year. It is located between Doylestown and New Hope in Lahaska, Pennsylvania.

Price Includes:

***Round Trip Bus Transportation leaves Saint Mary's, Barnegat, at 8:AM Bus leaves Lahaska at 4:PM.**

***Passport to Values, This booklet offers you one time savings Opportunity in many of our shops and restaurants.**

***Bus Drive Gratuity**

For Information and Reservations Contact Charles Serwin at (609) 978-0970

CHRISTMAS 50/50

Want a new Knight's Hall? Then help us with one of our first steps by buying and selling our new CHRISTMAS 50/50 RAFFLE TICKETS. They are only \$1 each or a book of 10 for \$10. Friends, family, neighbors and even strangers are your market place. All you need is the willingness to participate in bringing about our dream of a new home. Tickets available through and must be returned by the 8th of December to Grand Knight Al DelTufo. Drawing to be held at our Christmas Party December 11th.

Semi Useless Information

Q: Why do men's clothes have buttons on the right while women's clothes have buttons on the left?

A: When buttons were invented, they were very expensive and worn primarily by the rich. Because wealthy women were dressed by maids, dressmakers put the buttons on the maid's right. Since most people are right-handed, it is easier to push buttons on the right through holes on the left. And that's where women's buttons have remained since

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
FIRST ANNUAL
CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING
SATURDAY DECEMBER 8TH, 7:PM
SAINT MARY OF THE PINES**

JOIN YOUR BROTHER KNIGHTS, THEIR FAMILIES AND SAINT MARY'S PARISH AT OUR FIRST ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING. CALIBRATING WITH LIGHT AND SONG, THE BIRTH OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST.

IN THE BEGINNING GOD MADE THE WORLD AND SAW IT WAS GOOD. LONG AGO, GOD PLACED A TREE IN THE GARDEN OF PARADISE AS HIS GIFT TO ALL HUMAN BEINGS, A TREE OF WISDOM AND KNOWLEDGE AND LADEN WITH EVERY GOOD THING. OUR CHRISTMAS TREE REMINDS US OF THAT TREE. LONG AGO TOO, GOD'S KINDNESS APPEARED IN THE COMING OF CHRIST, WHO IS OUR HOPE OF ETERNAL LIFE. THIS TREE IS A SIGN OF CHRIST'S BLESSINGS.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ANNUNCIATON COUNCIL 3826
MAHLER/PURCELL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION.**

Copies can also be obtained at the scholarship link at our website, www.kofc3826.org
MAIL TO: SCHOLARSHIP CHAIRMAN, K of C # 3826, PO Box 91, Manahawkin, NJ
08050-0091

IMPORTANT: Application must be received no later than April 1, 2008.

Eligibility: Any child or grandchild of a Member of Council 3826 in good standing as of February 1, 2008.

Members of High School Graduating Class of 2008 attending college in the fall of 2008.

Section 1:

Applicant: _____ Date of Birth _____

Address _____

Telephone _____ SocSec# _____

Section 2 :

High School _____

Address _____

Class Standing _____ SAT Score _____ Math _____ Verbal _____

List Activities and Honors :

Date: _____ Signature of School Official _____

Print Name of School Official: _____

NOTE: Copy of transcript must be submitted with application

Section 3:

Name of College: _____

Address _____

Tuition & Fees: _____ Date Due : _____

Other Scholarship Awards including amount of awards:

Section 4:

Tell us why you are applying for this scholarship. You may attach a separate page for this. Do you have any personal or family circumstances which you feel the Scholarship Committee should consider? What are the ages of your siblings?

Signature of Applicant: _____

Sponsor: _____ Member #: _____

Relationship: _____

