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Dear Brothers:

With Advent upon us let us not forget to "keep Christ in Christmas." It is all well and good to spread good will and cheer throughout the Holiday Season. However, don't let us lose sight that Christmas is, first and foremost, the celebration of the birth of Christ.

During Advent, remember to keep those who are sick or who have suffered tragedies in your prayers and remember that our compass always points to charity. I feel like I'm preaching to the choir as I type this message, but hopefully it will inspire all of us to spread the "good news" of Christmas throughout our communities and worksites.

To steal a musical lyric- "we surely could use a little good news today." I would like to wish you and your families a Merry (and meaningful) Christmas with hopes of true Peace on Earth.

Fraternally,

Bob Birmingham
Grand Knight



Brothers,

Happy Thanksgiving to all. I hope everyone had time to share with family and friends. During this holiday season, remember to help one another and those in need. We have a lot of things going on this month. Please help out wherever you can. Upcoming events include:

December 1st is our monthly business meeting. The directors are providing the food for this Christmas meeting. The meeting is usually short, so plan on attending to share in the brotherhood and unity.

December 6th and 7th we will be selling Christmas cards after the Masses for "Keep Christ in Christmas". See Lin Diacont to sign up.

December 7th is the annual Mechanicsville Christmas Parade. The parade starts at 3:00 PM. All Scouts marching with the float need to be at the staging area on Hanover Green Drive no later than 2:15 PM. We will be across the street from the Girl Scout HQ. About the same place as last year. Come out and see the parade and support the KofC and the Scouts.

December 13th is our annual Christmas Dance. Beginning at 7:00 Pm we will be serving a buffet style dinner with roast beef, ham, shrimp and all the fixens along with your favorite beverages. We have booked a DJ to provide our musical entertainment. The dance is open to all, so invite your friends and family to come. Tickets are \$25.00 a couple and \$15.00 for singles. See Mark Skapin if you can assist with this event.

December 15th is the Christmas Directors meeting at PGK Kirk McClure's home. All members are welcome.

December 20th is the Spaghetti with Santa. This is a Knights sponsored event. Bring your family to enjoy a free spaghetti dinner and let the kids visit with Santa. This event starts at 7:00 PM. See Mark Skapin if you can assist.

We have bingo at the Ashland Moose Lodge every Sunday. See me, Kirk McClure, Bob Birmingham or Jeff Sklarek to sign up to help.

On New Years Day, Council 11042 will be hosting our own bingo game at the Ashland Moose Lodge. You don't have to be a Moose member to help with this event. See Tad Stilwell if you can help.

I hope everyone has a safe and joyous holiday season. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Fraternally,
Mike Martin
Deputy Grand Knight/Program Director

DECEMBER FRATERNAL

BIRTHDAYS

Scot Henry 12-2 Joe Drust 12-8 Chris Kinsler 12-9 Jim Nettles 12-9 John Stajduhar 12-11
Mike Kremer 12-19 Lee Vietmeier 12-29 Bob Seifert 12-30

ANNIVERSARIES

Jack & Barbara McNeice 12-1-59 Chris & Ann Bevan 12-2-89 Pat & Catherine Reilly 12-11-92
Pat & June Quisenberry 12-30-60 Ed & Anne Soniat 12-30-67

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK IN OUR COUNCIL AS WELL AS THEIR FAMILY, RELATIVES AND FRIENDS.

Maynard Belongia Jack McNeice Dana Nelson Dewey Pourciau Walter Harris Jerry Robinson
Tommy Sties Kathy Evans Lynne Worland Margie Ward Terrie Decker

The Mothers of Pete Booker Joe Quetsch Jack Murray Dan Baird

The Fathers of Jeff Decker Mike Roberts Mike Martin Jack Lewis

The Mothers in Law of Dan Aunspach Ray Santucci Mark Vucci

The Fathers in Law of Mark Evans Dan Baird

The Brothers of Jim Connolly Lewis Smith

The Sisters of Dan Baird Ken Ritz

The Son of Bob Jennings

The Loved Ones of Lin Diacont

PLEASE PRAY ALSO FOR CHUCK TOOMBS AND JACK MURRAY BOTH LOST THEIR FATHERS VERY RECENTLY

IF YOU KNOW OF OTHERS THAT SHOULD BE ADDED TO THIS LIST OR TAKEN OFF
PLEASE CALL PAUL AT 746-1245 OR EMAIL AT 6318ptby@comcast.net THANK YOU

My Brother Knights...

“Will all saints please stand up and be glorified. Hello...Saints of God, please stand up! Yes, this means YOU...the one reading this sentence...stand up and be praised!”

If you heard Father Jim announce this during a homily, would you have stood up? Would you have thought about standing up? Or, do you not think that you are a saint? So, you must be a sinner. Well, guess what...you are both.

How can this be you ask? How can I be compared to Saint Teresa of Calcutta, St. Benedict, St. Francis of Assisi, or Saints Peter and Paul? The real question is how could you not be a saint? If you were to talk with the saints, each would admit to sins. After all, they were only human.

God created us in His own image. We are from conception, without sin. It is not until we reach the age of reason that we choose to keep or break God's commandments. But just because we sin does not mean that God cannot use us for His purposes. God has dominion over sin; he has removed the grip of sin. We cannot be destroyed by sin. He LOVES us!

We are human and we are saints just as those we chose to be our patrons at Confirmation. It is the ordinary life of a man or woman, with all the difficulties and disappointments, and with all the joy and love, that forms the basis of sainthood. It is the manner in which we respond to God that elevates us. It is how we love and forgive each other that keeps us saintly. In his Catholic Update article (# C1098), Father Michael D. Guinan writes:

Indeed, saints are saints on earth, in and through their humanness. They have all the limitations of human existence: personality problems, failures, mistakes, errors in judgement, even at times sin...but they show us that a wholehearted Christian life is possible...They remind us that we are all called to be more than we are...in the image of Christ. And it is possible.

As fraternal brothers in the Knights of Columbus, we live a life of service...*in the image of Christ*. We have human frailties and weaknesses...*even at times sin*. But we are committed to supporting each other *.A wholehearted life is possible...*as we work to build up God's kingdom on earth. Look at how the Order has made it possible to care for widows, widowers, and orphans and those with mental retardation. Out of those accomplishments, the Order is able to support the Holy Father in his charities. Look at all the work we do to support our own parish and community with SCAN, Gift Baskets, and all of our other outreach activities. This is not the kind of endeavor done by men who do not love God or who have sinful natures. Because of all that has been done by Knights before us, because of all we are doing now, our families will have real life models upon which to fashion their love for God.

To be a saint requires that we come to terms with our humanity. Out of our humanity, we come to this realization: that it is only through the merits of Christ's holy sacrifice that we obtain and retain the glory of sainthood, which is eternal life...*and it is possible!*

As we transition from All Saints/All Souls and Thanksgiving through Advent into Christmas, let us open up our eyes to the truth. You and I, with all of our *issues* are saints of God. The realization of our humanity and our holiness lies just ahead in Bethlehem.

Okay, let me try this again. Will all of you saints please stand up and be glorified!”

Tad Stilwell

"KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS"

Dear Brother Knights:

The "Keep Christ in Christmas" committee needs your help. to make this campaign for the 2003 year the most successful year yet. We would like to see 2003 be our best year in sales. Therefore, I am challenging each one of you to buy a minimum of one box of cards this year for yourself, to sell one box to someone you know, or to purchase a box for the Prison Ministry.

After you have made your selection on the enclosed order form, you can:--
bring the order form to our next Knights meeting on December 1st,
--e-mail me with your order (LLS1974@earthlink.net) or for more ease simply go the Knights Website (Admin@KofC11042.org) or the Church Website (www.churchredeemer.org) and order online
--call me with your order (H-730-9047, O-550-3486, cell 837-6501)
--mail the order form to me at P.O. Box 2739, Mechanicsville, VA 23116
Your check can accompany the order or you can pay at time of card pick up.

Once I receive the order, cards can be picked up:

- at the Knights meeting on December 1st
- or we will make special arrangements for pickup if necessary

Let's all take a part in "Keeping Christ in Christmas" this year. May God Bless each and every one of you and your families. May you have a Holy and Blessed Christmas.

Respectfully,

Lin

Lin W. Diacont Chairman, "Keep Christ in Christmas"

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CHURCH: COORDINATES ACTIVITIES BETWEEN CHURCH AND COUNCIL

COUNCIL: ORGANIZES COUNCIL ACTIVITIES SUCH AS PANCAKE BREAKFASTS, PICNIC, DANCES, DINNERS, ETC.

YOUTH: ORGANIZES YOUTH ACTIVITIES SUCH AS FREE THROW CONTESTS, SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM, ESSAY CONTESTS, ETC.

COMMUNITY: ORGANIZES OUTREACH PROGRAMS SUCH AS HANOVER HEALTH CARE BINGO AND VA HOSPITAL EVENTS, ETC.

FAMILY: ORGANIZES FAMILY ACTIVITIES SUCH AS HALLOWEEN PARTY, EASTER EGG HUNT, ETC.

FRATERNAL: KEEPS COUNCIL INFORMED ABOUT WHAT IS GOING ON IN THE LIVES OF OUR BROTHERS

HISTORIAN: KEEPS HISTORICAL RECORDS OF OUR COUNCIL, TAKES PICTURES AT COUNCIL FUNCTIONS, MAINTAINS COUNCIL SCRAPBOOK, ETC.

CRUSADE FOR LIFE : (A BROTHER AND HIS WIFE) ORGANIZE RIGHT TO LIFE EVENTS INCLUDING CANDY BAR SALES, RTL MARCH. ETC.

KOVAR: ORGANIZES KOVAR FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES, MANAGES ANNUAL KOVAR COLLECTION DRIVE IN SPRING

RECRUITMENT: ORGANIZES COUNCIL RECRUITMENT DRIVES AND ACTIVITIES

MEMBERSHIP: ALONG WITH ADMISSION COMMITTEE, CONDUCTS INTERVIEWS FOR OUR NEW MEMBERS

RETENTION: ASSISTS FINANCIAL SECRETARY WITH RETAINING MEMBERS. AND INVESTIGATING "DROPS"

SCAN: ORGANIZES ACTIVITIES RELATED TO "STOP CHILD ABUSE NOW"

SCOUTING: REPORTS SCOUTING ACTIVITIES TO COUNCIL

SQUIRES: (OPEN) ORGANIZES COLUMBIAN SQUIRES PROGRAM

PHONE: MAINTAINS COUNCIL EMERGENCY PHONE TREE, ACTIVATES IT ON REQUEST OF GRAND KNIGHT

KCIC: ORGANIZES ACTIVITIES RELATED TO KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS, SUCH AS CHRISTMAS CARD SALES, ETC.

CHARITY: ORGANIZES CHARITABLE OUTREACH ACTIVITIES INCLUDING CHRISTMAS BASKETS, RAFFLES, FOOD BANK DONATIONS, ETC.

CHEERS: ORGANIZES AND MANAGES ACTIVITIES RELATED TO DOWNTOWN PRESENTS FUNCTIONS

BINGO: ORGANIZES AND MANAGES ACTIVITIES RELATED TO ASHLAND MOOSE BINGO

ORGAN DONATION: INCREASES COUNCIL AND PARISH AWARENESS OF THE IMPORTANCE OF ORGAN DONATION

MEALS ON WHEELS: (DELIVERIES)

NEWSLETTER: (PREPARATION)

PUBLICITY: COORDINATES WITH THE PUBLISHERS OF THE GOOD NEWS AND WEEKLY BULLETIN AT CHURCH TO ANNOUNCE UPCOMING KOFC EVENTS.

Date: Wed, 5 Nov 2003 20:23:50 -0500

Subject: Supreme PressRelease

DD's - please forward to GK's
Directors -- please forward to your staffs
Master/PSD Chairman - Please forward to all PSD's

SUPREME KNIGHT HAILS ENACTMENT OF
PARTIAL BIRTH ABORTION BAN

WASHINGTON, D.C. " Today, in a White House ceremony attended by Knights of Columbus Supreme Knight Carl Anderson and other prominent pro-life leaders, President Bush signed into law the Partial Birth Abortion Ban Act. On this occasion, Anderson issued the following statement:

"We applaud President Bush and Congress, and express our deepest appreciation for enacting the Partial Birth Abortion Ban. Since this horrifying procedure became public almost a decade ago, the American people have shown a firm and unwavering resolve to ban it. That resolve has brought us to this historic day. The Partial Birth Abortion Ban marks the first time in 30 years that the law has said no to an actual abortion procedure itself.

"In signing the Partial Birth Abortion Ban, President Bush has brought us closer to the day when we will see a Culture of Life in America. We thank him for this, and we resolve to move forward together toward our shared goal of building a society that honors and values all human life, including the life of the unborn."

Founded in 1882 by Father Michael J. McGivney, the Knights of Columbus is the world's largest Catholic fraternal service organization, with nearly 1.7 million members throughout North America and elsewhere. In 2002 members reported raising and contributing to charity a record \$128 million and volunteering a record 60 million hours of service.

COUNCIL CALENDAR

DECEMBER, 2003

1	9:00 AM	Friends Church	Church Outreach Food Distribution for the needy
1	7:00 PM	Verdi Lodge	Council Meeting
2	11:00 AM	Friends Church	Church Outreach Food Distribution for the needy
6-7		Genesis Commons	Keep Christ in Christmas Sales after masses
7	11:45 AM	Moose Lodge	Assist with Moose Bingo
10	7:00 PM	Hanover Health	Bingo
13	7:00 PM	Genesis Commons	Christmas Party
14	11:45 AM	Moose Lodge	Assist with Moose Bingo
15	7:00 PM	McClure's	Directors Meeting
20	7:00 PM	Genesis Hall	Spaghetti with Santa
21	11:45 AM	Moose Lodge	Assist with Moose Bingo
28	11:45 AM	Moose Lodge	Assist with Moose Bingo

JANUARY 2004

1	TBD	Moose Lodge	Bingo
4	11:45 AM	Moose Lodge	Assist with Moose Bingo
5	9:00 AM	Friends Church	Church Outreach Food Distribution for the needy
5	7:00 PM	Verdi Lodge	Council Meeting-1 st Degree
6	11:00 AM	Friends Church	Church Outreach Food Distribution for the needy
10	8:30 AM	TBD	Council Retreat
11	7:00 AM	Genesis Hall	Pancake Breakfast
11	11:45 AM	Moose Lodge	Assist with Moose Bingo
14	7:00 PM	Hanover Health	Bingo
17-18		Church	Recruiting Drive
18	11:45 AM	Moose Lodge	Assist with Moose Bingo
19	7:00 PM	TBD	Director's Meeting
22	TBD	Washington D C	March for Life
25	5:00 PM	TBD	Super Bowl Party
25	11:45 AM	Moose Lodge	Assist with Moose Bingo

FEBRUARY 2004

1	11:45 AM	Moose Lodge	Assist with Moose Bingo
2	9:00 AM	Friends Church	Church Outreach Food Distribution for the needy
2	7:00 PM	Verdi Lodge	Council Meeting-1 st Degree
3	11:00 AM	Friends Church	Church Outreach Food Distribution for the needy
8	7:00 AM	Genesis Hall	Pancake Breakfast
8	11:45 AM	Moose Lodge	Assist with Moose Bingo
11	7:00 PM	Hanover Health	Bingo
15	11:45 AM	Moose Lodge	Assist with Moose Bingo
16	7:00 PM	TBD	Director's Meeting
22	11:45 AM	Moose Lodge	Assist with Moose Bingo
28-29		Genesis Commons	Sales of Tickets to Seafood Dinner
29	11:45 AM	Moose Lodge	Assist with Moose Bingo

MARCH 2004

1	9:00 AM	Friends Church	Church Outreach Food Distribution for the needy
1	7:00 PM	Verdi Lodge	Council Meeting
2	11:00 AM	Friends Church	Church Outreach Food Distribution for the needy
7	11:45 AM	Moose Lodge	Assist with Moose Bingo
7	7:00 AM	Genesis Hall	Pancake Breakfast
10	7:00 PM	Hanover Health	Bingo
14	11:45 AM	Moose Lodge	Assist with Moose Bingo
17	7:00 PM	TBD	Director's Meeting
21-22		Genesis Commons	Sales of tickets to Seafood Dinner
21	11:45 AM	Moose Lodge	Assist with Moose Bingo
26		Genesis Commons	Seafood Dinner
27-28		Council #5332	State Bowling Tournament
28	11:45 AM	Moose Lodge	Assist with Moose Bingo
29			Founders Day

APRIL 2004

3	11:30 AM	Genesis Hall	Easter Egg Hunt
4	11:45 AM	Moose Lodge	Assist with Moose Bingo
5	9:00 AM	Friends Church	Church Outreach Food Distribution for the needy
5	7:00 PM	Verdi Lodge	Council Meeting
6	11:00 AM	Friends Church	Church Outreach Food Distribution for the needy
11	11:45 AM	Moose Lodge	Assist with Moose Bingo
14	7:00 PM	Hanover Health	Bingo
15-17		Mechanicsville	KOVAR DRIVE WEEKEND
18	11:45 AM	Moose Lodge	Assist with Moose Bingo
19	7:00 PM	TBD	Directors Meeting
25	11:45 AM	Moose Lodge	Assist with Moose Bingo

MAY 2004

1-2	TBD	Richmond	State Convention
2	11:45 AM	Moose Lodge	Assist with Moose Bingo
3	9:00 AM	Friends Church	Church Outreach Food Distribution for the needy
3	7:00 PM	Verdi Lodge	Council Meeting – 1 st Degree
4	11:00 AM	Friends Church	Church Outreach Food Distribution for the needy
TBD	TBD	Food Lion	KOVAR Drive
9	7:00 AM	Genesis Hall	Pancake Breakfast
9	11:45 AM	Moose Lodge	Assist with Moose Bingo
12	7:00 PM	Hanover Health	Bingo
16	11:45 AM	Moose Lodge	Assist with Moose Bingo
17	7:00 PM	TBD	Directors Meeting
23	11:45 AM	Moose Lodge	Assist with Moose Bingo
30	11:45 AM	Moose Lodge	Assist with Moose Bingo

JUNE 2004

6	TBD	TBD	Fishing Trip
6	11:45 AM	Moose Lodge	Assist with Moose Bingo
7	9:00 AM	Friends Church	Church Outreach Food Distribution for the needy
7	7:00 PM	Verdi Lodge	Council Meeting
8	11:00 AM	Friends Church	Church Outreach Food Distribution for the needy
9	7:00 PM	Hanover Health	Bingo
13	11:45 AM	Moose Lodge	Assist with Moose Bingo
20	11:45 AM	Moose Lodge	Assist with Moose Bingo
21	7:00 PM	TBD	Directors Meeting
27	11:45 AM	Moose Lodge	Assist with Moose Bingo

Volunteers Needed

Annual Christmas Dance

Saturday December 13th

The annual Christmas Dance will take place Saturday evening December 18th at Genesis Hall. We need 7 or 8 people to help with dinner (cooking / setting up / cleaning up).

We are going to have a nice dinner and help would be greatly appreciated.
Come enjoy the festivities in the company of your brother Knights.

Spaghetti with Santa

Saturday December 20th

We will have Spaghetti with Santa Saturday evening December 20th at Genesis Hall.

We need people to help with dinner (cooking / setting up / cleaning up).

Help spread the joy of Christmas to our young parishioners as we prepare dinner for that jolly old elf. With the help of our Council members we can make this best Spaghetti with Santa yet!

If you are available to help with either of these events,

Call

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And include (1) your real name (sometimes those clever email addresses can be quite confusing) and (2) Yes or no to the question "Would you like to be notified of council information and news via this email address?" I will respond to your email once I receive it. And visit our web site at <http://kofc11042.org>

JOIN US
Next Business Meeting
Monday Dec. 1, 2003
Giuseppe Verdi Lodge
On Verdi Lane

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