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Grand Knight's Message

My Brothers,

Boy, what a busy November we've had. Between the kick off of the Marilyn Colleta Foundation with a Pasta Dinner Fundraiser and the official kick off of the Squires Circle and the Thanksgiving Repast we have had our work cut out for us. I want to thank every brother who helped out in these events to make them a success.

With December coming we have a couple of things happening. We have lighting up Christmas on the 8th. Our council family Christmas party on the 18th . The Crèche light up is open to every brothers and their families. We will meet at 7:30 for some caroling and hot cider. Our council Christmas party is also open to all brothers and their families. If you plan on attending please give myself or Bro. Joe Lupo PGK a call so we can get a count on how many to cook for. We will have music, dancing and a visit from Santa for kids of all ages. The festivities kick off at 7:30

As we gather with our family and friends for the holiday season let's keep

in mind what CHRISTmas is about. While it is nice to get that new power tool or the auto start for your car, let's remember that it is the birth of CHRIST we are celebrating. Let's also keep in mind all of our Brothers and Sisters and their families that won't be home for the holidays in order to keep our country safe over seas.

I would like to extend my warmest wishes to all my brothers and their families for a very healthy and happy holiday season.

Remember, "It takes one man to be Grand Knight, but it takes everyone to be a council."

Fraternally Yours,

Gregory P. Lupo
Grand Knight

Keep Christ In Christmas

From Supreme



Order Receives Prestigious New Haven Award
The New Haven Museum and Historical Society honored the Knights of Columbus Nov. 14 with its 15th annual Seal of the City Award. The award recognizes the contributions of individuals or organizations toward the advancement of society and culture in New Haven.



St. Joan of Arc

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Remember the veterans

Knights Sponsor St. Joan of Arc Exhibit

The Knights of Columbus is the

principal sponsor of an exhibit featuring the French medieval heroine and saint, Joan of Arc, at the Corcoran Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C.



Brothers,

We had our Squire's Open House on November 12th and it was a huge success. We had thirteen young men stop in and twelve filled out membership forms. We now have fourteen kids that are interested in joining. It just goes to show that hard work pays off. We had members of the St. Phillip and James Squires and also the Saint Regis Squires stop by to help out. I just want to thank all those that helped with the open house: GK Greg Lupo, Brothers Joe Gunning, Tom McCabe, Joe Lupo, Phil Closs, Frank Mercuri, Don Jarka and Joe Savage. Special thanks go to Brothers Pete Brust, Scott Gerde and Sean Hood who brought down seven Squire's prospects between them. I also want to thank Reverend Edward Fitzpatrick and Reverend Valentine Rebello for all their support and guidance. We will have our first Squire's meeting and investiture as soon as possible. If any brother knows of a perspective Squire or would like to be a counselor, please contact me.

Sean Lehmann
Squire Chairman



Sean Lehmann Interviewing prospective Squire Candidates



St. Regis Council visiting Squire Mark Johnson NY State 2006 Squire of The Year (on Left) and Chief Counselor Tom Gillin

Corporation News

The Corporation year comes to a close at the end of December. With the end of 2006 come some changes to the Corporation. Every year new directors are elected to the Corporation Board. In addition to new Directors, we are also seeking a new Hall Manager; as I regretfully must inform you that Joe Lupo, has resigned as Hall Manager effective at the end of 2006. We are seeking a volunteer to take on the role of Hall Manager. If no one steps forward to take on this responsibility, we will be unable to meet our commitments to Rentals currently on our calendar, as well as a pending rent agreement for \$900 per month for a bi-weekly rental during regular business hours (4 days per week, 2 weeks per month, from 9am – 5pm). This pending rental was negotiated by Joe & I, but if we do not get a Hall Manager to open the Hall daily, close the Hall daily, and to maintain the Hall during the week, this rental will have to be cancelled.

Additionally, at the end of 2005, I was asked to remain on the Corporation Board even though my term had expired. I agreed to do so, but due to personal and professional responsibilities, I will not be able to

remain on the Board any longer. In addition to my Director position, one other Director position is open for election. The election of officer's for the Corporation will take place at the Council's General Meeting in January. We will also present the financial statements for 2006, as well as the budget for 2007.

If you would like to volunteer as Hall Manager or would like to be considered for a Director position on the Board, please contact me as soon as possible. As a last reminder, if you received a survey in the mail and have not returned it yet, please return it as soon as possible.

Blessed Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year to you and your families,

SK Michael Kennedy

Christmas Defined

In accordance with the New Advent Catholic Encyclopedia, the following is provided defining the word Christmas, quote:

RIGIN OF THE WORD

The word for Christmas in late Old English is *Cristes Maesse*, the Mass of Christ, first found in 1038, and *Cristes-messe*, in 1131. In Dutch it is *Kerst-misse*, in Latin *Dies Natalis*, whence comes the French *Noël*, and Italian *Il natale*; in German *Weihnachtsfest*, from the preceding sacred vigil. The term *Yule* is of disputed origin. It is unconnected with any word meaning "wheel". The name in Anglo-Saxon was *geol*, feast: *geola*, the name of a month (cf. Icelandic *iol* a feast in December).

**Keep Christ in
Christmas.**

Chaplain's Corner

A KNIGHT'S RECIPE FOR CHRISTMAS

(I consulted with Past Grand Knight Joseph Lupo of the following ingredients!)

*4 cups of LOVE,
2 cups of LOYALTY,
3 cups of FORGIVENESS,
1 cup of FRIENDSHIP,
4 tablespoons of KINDNESS,
2 cups of TENDERNESS,
1 quart of UNDERSTANDING,
4 gallons of FAITH,
1 barrel of LAUGHTER.*

*Take love, loyalty and forgiveness,
Mix it thoroughly with
Friendship, kindness and hope.
Add tenderness and understanding,
Sprinkle abundantly with Faith,
Mix in all of the laughter,
Bake it with sunshine and serve daily
Throughout the Christmas season
With generous helpings.*

Spend Advent making sure all the above ingredients are the FRESHEST! And delight your family and community with an attractive feast of goodness...

Merry Christmas to you all! And spread the word!

*Father Ed Fitzpatrick
Chaplain*

Right To Life

The following was taken from the National Right To Life Web Site <http://www.nrlc.org/>.

"The Republican leadership of the House of Representatives has announced that the Unborn Child Pain Awareness Act (H.R. 6099) will be voted on by the House during the week of December 4, 2006 -- the final week of the 109th Congress.

This bill, sponsored by Rep. Chris Smith (R-NJ), would require an

abortionist to provide documentation on the capacity of an unborn child to feel pain to any woman seeking an abortion past 20 weeks, and would allow the woman to request or refuse pain-reducing drugs for the baby. You can learn more about the bill by reading a letter sent by NRLC to House members on November 27, [here](#).

Please send an e-mail to urge your representative in the U.S. House of Representatives to cosponsor H.R. 6099, or if your representative has already sponsored the bill, send an e-mail to thank him or her. You can view a full list of current co-sponsors of the bill by clicking [here](#).

You will be directed to the appropriate information for your representative if you enter your zip code into the "Take Action Now" Zip Code Finder tool."

Donations

July1, 2005to June31, 2006

Leukemia & Lymphoma Society	\$100.00
Marilyn Colletta Fund	\$500.00
Thomas Butler Scholarship	\$500.00
Katrina Relief Fund	\$500.00
KofC Fund Raisers	\$200.00
St. Vincent De Paul	\$100.00
Robert Ansback Pharmacy Fund	\$500.00
St. Joseph's Church	\$600.00
Asian American Postal Employees' Fund	\$120.00
Holy Family Regional School	\$500.00
Youth Activity Functions	\$200.00
Autism	\$200.00
Community Activity Fund Raising	\$175.00
Seminarian Lee Discoteaux	\$500.00
Seminarian Allen Sincrski	\$500.00
Pam Scott Cancer Donatio	\$100.00
Kings Park High School Scholarship	\$500.00
Total	\$5800.00