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**Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism
125th Anniversary of Father McGivney's Founding
of the Knights of Columbus**

From The Grand Knights Desk,

My Brothers,

Now that we are with the New Year behind us, I am sitting here pondering about the last years accomplishments of our Council. One of the greatest accomplishments I have closest to my heart was the awarding the checks to our two seminarians.

I have to admit I had my eyes opened with this, I really never realized the hard work these young men had to endure to become a priest and serve us. After talking to the young men my eyes were opened and I saw the light. I think our council owes a debt of gratitude to the young men that follow their vocations and give their lives to Christ. I realize we awarded both the seminarians a check but I also wonder if we are really doing enough for them. Is there something we can do to help them in other ways as well? Could we do more such as sending care packages or letters from home letting them know we appreciate them and we care about them?

In the case of our Frank Alterier, this young man has to not only learned Latin but had to learn French in order to study Latin. Now we all know how hard it is to learn Latin. Not only does Frank study at the seminary but he also works in the Seminary vineyard as a way to raise funds by selling wine and olive oil. Frank's seminary location is at Florence, Italy. He has also extended an invitation to all of us to stop by and visit if we are ever in Florence. He would be very happy to show us around.

As for Seminarian Chris Landes, this young man also spends his time studying very hard and his days are quite long in such activities. Chris Landes is studying at St. Charles Bartholomew Seminary in Philadelphia. Chris is in his first year studying

theology with 3 ½ years to go. Chris is also working very hard to gaining his goal of priesthood. Unlike Frank, Chris is able to visit St. Basil's a few more times a year.

Both men have expressed their gratitude to us and promised to keep us posted on the journey to priesthood.

Letter From Seminarian Francis XX. Altieri

Dear Mr. Deery,

I am writing to express my deep gratitude to the Saint Basil's chapter of the Knights of Columbus for the very generous gift of \$500 towards my seminary studies. I am profoundly thankful for this financial assistance provided by our local chapter of the Knights, who do so much for the Church in the United States and in Rome. I will be happy to send you updates from the seminary, but for now let me give you a little bit of information about my order.

The congregation to which I belong is called the Institute of Christ the King. Our order was founded in 1990, and we have our international headquarters and seminary in the archdiocese of Florence, Italy. We work in a number of countries, including the United States, France, Belgium, England, Ireland, Spain, Germany, Switzerland, and Gabon [in Africa]. In the United States we work in about ten dioceses such as Newark, San Jose, Oakland, Milwaukee, Chicago, Saint Louis, and Kansas City. At the present time we are mostly concentrated in the Midwest; and our American headquarters are in Chicago. The Institute of Christ the King is based on a combination of community life, --- our priests and brothers live and pray together in all of our apostolate --- and all the active ministry. We run parishes, chapels, schools, foreign missions, retreats; etc.

The main focus of our order is missionary work, with the goal of promoting the kingship of Christ in all domains of human life. We have a number of priests stationed at our missions in the jungles of Mica, but even in Europe and the United States it is necessary to evangelize a world which is becoming more de-Christianized all the time. Thus our goal is to expose the riches of the Catholic faith and tradition to those who may not previously have experienced them, and also to help attract converts to the Church and to bring lapsed Catholics back to the Church. One of the main instruments we rely on to accomplish this task is the solemn celebration of the liturgy in its traditional Latin form. We take to heart what Pope Benedict XVI said on this subject last summer: "what earlier generations held as sacred, remains sacred and great for us too." We have had the experience, especially among the young, that the riches of the Church's tradition help to express the mystery of the majesty of God and to cultivate a sense of the sacred. Placing a great emphasis also on Christian civilization and the sacred arts, our Institute has restored and beautified a number of formerly derelict churches.

Our seminary (dedicated to Saint Philip Neri) is located in Gricigliano, not far from Florence. The seminary program takes seven years in all: a “year of spirituality”, in which we become accustomed to, life in the seminary and take lessons in Latin and Gregorian chant as well as introductory classes in Doctrine, Scripture; etc. two years of philosophy, and four years of theology. As our seminary includes people from many different countries, we need a common language. Since our founders, and most of the other seminarians and the professors, are French. We use French as the common language for classes and communication. It is difficult at first but now after the first few months have passed by it's possible to follow without too much trouble. I am in my first year at the seminary. In our class there are fifteen seminarians, of whom four are Americans.

In addition to the academic work, we also have daily chores and manual labor, including the annual grape and olive harvest (we make and sell our wine and olive oil). One of the patron saints of our order is Saint Benedict, whose example we try to follow: “ora et labora – pray and work”! In matters of spirituality we follow the example of “the gentleman saint” Frances de Sales, a bishop of Geneva in the seventeenth century whose preaching and example won back most of his subjects, who had fallen into Protestantism during the Reformation. The spirituality of Saint Francis de Sales is not based on doing huge heroic deeds but in practicing regular exercises of piety such as frequent confession and communion and in developing the simple virtues of humility, obedience, kindness, meekness and so on. Life at seminary is structured around Mass and the common prayers (Vespers, the rosary, holy hour, etc.). We have a period of recreation each day after lunch and dinner, and a free afternoon each week when we can go on a walk, or rest, or visit Florence. We are always very happy to welcome guests, and should any of the Knights ever be in Florence please tell them not to hesitate to contact me in case they would like to visit the seminary.

Once again, thank you so very much for your help and your kindness. Please be assured of my prayers and my best wishes for the new year.

Yours faithfully,

Francis X. Altieri

Membership:

As of February 1, 2008, The Supreme Council Membership Statement reports our Council 13800 membership as 68 Brothers. This membership number is an increase change of 6 Brothers from last year.

Further, in the February Supreme Membership Statement thirteen Brothers are listed as having availed themselves of the K of C insurance. [If you haven't looked into the Insurance offerings contact Brother Barry Phillips at (610) 544-1964 or at www.barry.phillips@kofc.org.] Of our council 68 membership fifty-five are associate members, two are Honorary Knights and five are listed as Honorary for Life Brothers. Our council has now met our assigned 5 membership quota to qualify for the Father McGivney Membership Award. Now we need 2 members availing themselves of K of C insurance program to also qualify for the Founders' Award Insurance Quota Award. Please remember, it is incumbent on all of us to continue to enroll new candidates for membership in council 13800. If you are in need of new green Membership Document 100G forms, please contact Brother Chris Mitchell, Grand Knight Glenn, or me.

On Sunday evening, February 10th, two new members joined our Council by being inducted into the 1st and 2nd degrees at the Rev. William Fenerty Council #7208, held at St. Joseph Parish Center, in Downingtown, Pennsylvania.

Our two candidates, Robert Maerz, of Chester Springs, and David Matey, of Phoenixville, were shepherded by Brother Chris Mitchell as they became our two newest council Brothers. They participated with 31 other candidates for their 1st degree and 59 Brothers who made their 2nd degree. Brother Dave Mitchell and I were also on hand to be with Brothers Bob and Dave at Downingtown.

I hope you will extend a very warm welcome to Brothers Bob and Dave as they assume their responsibilities as members in council 13800.

WELCOME AND WELL DONE Brothers!

Brother Chris Mitchell, Membership Chairman, tells me that there are four new candidates still to be installed at a future 1st degree program. Many of the Brothers who are 2nd, and 3rd degree will be able to take their next degree as the scheduling permits. A 3rd degree is scheduled Sunday, March 2nd, at Msgr. Schuyler Council # 1333, 110 W. Market Street, West Chester, PA at 12:15 p.m. Please keep up with the scheduling information as it is announced at meetings, posted on our Council's Web Page, and sent to you by e-mail.

Council 13800 February 2nd & 3rd "BLITZ" - Brother Chris extends a grateful thank you to all the Brothers who assisted with the "BLITZ". He believes it was successful and that the time invested was worthwhile.

The Free Throw Contest sponsored by our K of C council went very well. Six of our competing children have been chosen, due to their ability to compete successfully, to progress now to the Division competition. Brother Ed sends kudos to all the Brother Knights who gave of their time to make the event such a success.

Council 13800 Committee Assignments:

Brothers who have not as of yet informed the Grand Knight as to what committee assignments they would like serve on, are asked to do so.

Brothers' Birthdays:

**Happy Birthday to those Brothers who have their Special Day
in February and March**

February

**Leo Amore
Thomas Mitchell
Anthony Odorisio
Thomas Twardowski**

March

**Glenn Deery, Jr.
Thomas Parvesse**

COUNCIL INFORMATION UPDATES:

Council 13800 Website address is WWW.STBASILKOFC.ORG. If you haven't visited the website yet, please do so. New information and updates appear there daily.

The Website will soon have the listing of the council minutes. Another feature being explored is procedure where Brothers will have their own passwords that will enable them to view confidential council materials, data, and information. More clarification to come.

Council Meeting Dates:

The council meets every third Sunday evening at 7 p.m. in the St. Basil's Rectory basement. Start the year off right and mark your 2008 calendar. Follow the New Year's Resolution to keep active and up-to-date with council decision making by attending meetings when possible. Council Officers meet at 6 p.m. before council meetings. Next meeting February 17, 2008.

**February 17
March 16
April 20**

**May 18
June 15
July 20
August 17**

**September 21
October 19
November 16
December 21**

Future Council Events:

Annual K of C Breakfast and Annual K of C Flee Market.

Council Membership and Degree Rosters: When a new Membership and Degree Roster information is sent to you, please destroy any old materials. PLEASE SEND ALL UPDATES TO ME. Thank you for your help in keeping the Council's Rosters and information records up-to-date. Brother Ed Linder

K of C Council 13800 Annual Winter Dinner Dance is to be held at the Phoenixville Country Club on Saturday, December 3rd. More information will be forthcoming but mark it on your calendar now. Great opportunity for sharing fellowship and family spirit with good food and refreshments.

For The Good Of The Order

Please remember in your prayers:

- * Brothers Andy Viscuso
- * Brother Joe Frisco

Thoughts On Knights of Columbus Insurance

“For the past several years, the Order has been certified by IMSA – the Insurance Marketplace Standards Association. What does this mean?”

“IMSA promotes high ethical standards in the marketing, sales and service of individually owned life insurance, long term care insurance and annuity products. The IMSA logo, which we use in our advertising and promotional materials, demonstrates our commitment to ethical market conduct.”

“To qualify for IMSA, we vow to:

- *conduct business according to high standards of honesty and fairness*
- *provide competent and consumer-focused sales and service*
- *engage in active and fair competition*
- *provide advertising and sales materials that are clear as to purpose, and honest and fair as to content*
- *provide for fair and prompt handling of customer complaints and disputes*
- *maintain a system of supervision and review designed to achieve compliance with these Principles of Ethical market Conduct.*

“Our IMSA membership is further evidence of our dedication to high marketplace standards. When you choose to do business with the Knights of Columbus, you are selecting a company that holds itself to the highest of standards.”

Remember I'd happy to meet with you and provide a free, custom-tailored needs analysis, so that you'll know exactly where you stand. Please give me a call.

Brother Barry J. Phillips, FIC
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Closing Quotes To Ponder Until Next Issue:

LEADERS

**“Leaders don’t force people to follow -
they invite them on a journey.”**

Charles Lauer

**“If a man is called to be a street sweeper,
he should sweep streets even as Michelangelo painted,
or Beethoven composed music, or Shakespeare wrote poetry.**

**He should sweep streets so well that all the hosts
of heaven and earth will pause to say,
here lived a great street sweeper who did his job well.”**

Martin Luther King, Jr.

**“*LEARNING* is finding out what you already know.
“*DOING* is demonstrating that you know it.
“*TEACHING* is reminding others that they
know just as well as you.”
YOU are all learners, doers, teachers.”**

Jonathon Livingstone

VALENTINE THOUGHT

**“Ere the morn the East has crimsoned.
When the stars are twinkling there
When the forest-nymphs are beading
Fern and flower with silvery dew
My infallible proceeding
Is to wake and think of you.”**

Charles Stuart Calverley 1880

WISHING YOU AND YOUR FAMILY THE BEST AS EVER.

From The Editor's Desk:

All items and pieces to be included in an issue of the “*Knight's Page*” should be signed and sent to me. Items may be edited.

**S.K. Dr. Edward Linder
Chancellor
The Knight's Page, Editor**