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Dear Brother Knights,

I do at least glance over the literature that the State and Supreme Councils send to me. I have had several people (some Knights, and some not), ask me how membership in the Knights of Columbus is doing.

Just recently the latest membership was listed as 1,843,587, which is the highest ever. The year 2009 was shown as 1,790,000. So we are growing, but not by leaps and bounds. Most fraternal organizations are having a tough time now keeping their membership up, so we are grateful that we can say our membership is up.

A few important things are coming up- Initiations of all three degrees on Saturday, March 14th, the Pancake Breakfast for Girl Scouts on Sunday, March 15th, the Tootsie Roll for Disadvantaged Children in late April (this takes a lot of preparation, and then the State Convention which is in Duluth on May 15-17. That doesn't affect most of us, but it means a lot of red tape for the officers. And May 17th is our last Pancake Breakfast for the fiscal year.

I recently sent a letter to our First Degree members reminding them of the Initiation on March 14th. It gave me a good feeling, as most of the First Degree members are active in some way another, so we thank them very much for their endeavors, and we appreciate then being in the Knights of Columbus no matter what their Degree status is. Most of us older Knights received the three degrees all at once. That was the only way it was done!

And Pope Francis is coming to the United States soon. I think that will be bringing good news to us!

Fraternally,
John Hunt Grand Knight



**INITIATION MARCH 14TH AT PAX
CHRISTI-First, Second and Third
Degrees**

All three Degrees will be conferred on March 14th. Those receiving Second and Third should be there by 10:00. Enter at the lower west side. You need your paid up 2014 K of C membership card. There is no charge for Second and Third Degree. You can just show up!

LORD, GRANT US YOU PEACE

For peace in my own heart, For peace among my circle of friends, For peace in all our schools, places of worship, and workplaces, For peace and renewal of those challenged by poverty, illness, imprisonment or feelings of hopefulness...

Lord hear my prayer..

May each of us remember that in order to develop more peace in our world, we first need to nurture our relationship with You as our loving Father, the source of hope, joy, and peace for all. When we feel Your joy and peace within us, we are most able to share joy and peace with others, Grant me the grace, Lord, to choose peace each day so I can spread Your peace on earth.

From The Christophers

IN MEMORY

we extend our condolences to Neal Graham, as his wife Eileen passed away two weeks ago. Neal has been a member for 67 years, and his wife was always with him at K of C events.

Happy Birthday!

March Birthdays

FREDERICK BOUCSEIN	7
GERALD PIOTROWSKI	8
GERALD MC GUIRE	12
TIMOTHY LESNICK	31



Dates To Remember

Tuesday, March 10th, 7:00 pm
Monthly Meeting in St. Clare Room

Sunday, March 15
KC Deluxe Pancake Breakfast

Tuesday, April 14, 7:00 pm
Monthly Meeting in St. Clare Room

Tuesday, May 12, 7:00 pm
Monthly Meeting in St. Clare Room