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## **Faithful Navigator's Message**

### **Reconciliation Allows Us to Restart**

My Brother Sir Knights,

I hope you had a great Christmas and a wonderful New Year. For those who have already stopped trying to keep their New Year's resolutions, I sympathize. I am so bad at keeping New Year's Resolutions that I no longer bother to even make them.

Does this mean I think I am as good a human being as I am going to be? No. Does it mean I am incapable of change? No

What it means is that I recognize a couple of facts. First, as a human being, I am weak and subject to failure. Second, change is difficult at best and sometimes requires several attempts before success is achieved. Third, I have to be able to forgive myself when I do fail, and make sure that I keep trying.

The danger in New Year's resolutions is that once we've blown the diet, skipped the exercise, or otherwise broken the resolution, we feel we have failed to keep the resolution and we stop trying to better ourselves.

Our efforts to be better Catholics and better human beings luckily need not fall to such fickle whims. When we really screw up, there is the Sacrament of Reconciliation. It used to be called Penance or Confession. But by whatever name, it is a chance for us to begin anew. The key is to not fall into the New Year's resolution trap.

That trap is to give up merely because of an initial failure...or even a repetitive failure for that matter. Our Lord can forgive us precisely because he became human and understands our foibles and frailties better than we do ourselves. He died for us to forgive our sins.

We must only be brave, sincere, and truthful enough to ask for that forgiveness. Our Lord is present in the priests who hear our requests for forgiveness and give advice on how to make changes in our everyday lives.

Best of all, we don't have to wait only until the calendar changes on a new year to reap this benefit. It's there for us any time we need or want it. What a wonderful God, to give us a vehicle for addressing our failures and shortcomings. All we need do is take advantage of it.

**John Brodie FN**

## Dues for 2009

Sir Knights, as I'm sure that you have noticed, I haven't sent out the billing for the 2009 Dues because we will be voting on the Proposal to raise the dues at our January 2009 Business Meeting. Should this proposal pass, I'll have to change the billing form. In the mean time, if you wish to pay your dues now for the coming year, please sent your \$25 check to my attention and I'll get your 2009 Membership Card out to you.

Thanks and God Bless,

David Crowe, Faithful Comptroller  
9509 Nut Tree Court  
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## FUTURE MEETINGS

### JANUARY

14 January Planning Meeting  
27 January Business Meeting

Business meeting starts at 6:30  
Planning Meeting starts at 7:00

### FEBRUARY

11 February Planning Meeting  
24 February Business Meeting

**The officers of Bishop Alphonse Gallegos  
Assembly 2336 would like to wish all Sir  
Knights and their families a very blessed  
HAPPY NEW YEAR**

## APPOINTED POSITIONS

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## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

If you should see any of these fine Sir Knights, wish them a happy birthday and remind them that if they come to the business meeting, dinner is on the assembly.

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| <b>Sir Knight Noel Vinzon</b>        | <b>4<sup>th</sup></b>  |
| <b>Sir Knight William Redmond</b>    | <b>11<sup>th</sup></b> |
| <b>Sir Knight John Goralka</b>       | <b>18<sup>th</sup></b> |
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| <b>Sir Knight Joe Madruga</b>        | <b>28<sup>th</sup></b> |



## Prayer for Our Military

*The Rev. William J. Bleiler, state chaplain of the New Jersey VFW, wrote the following "Prayer for Our Military" for distribution to VFW members. He is pastor of St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church in Cedarville, Cumberland County.*

Almighty God, our Source of strength and courage, we ask Thee to guide the leaders of nations in the ways of peace and justice and enduring freedom for the peoples of the world.

In these times of peril and war against terrorism listen to our prayers for the men and women serving in our armed forces, our military leaders and our allies. Protect them all from harm as they go into battle on land, in the sea and in the air.

Take away whatever fear from their hearts and enable them to overcome swiftly and decisively the violence and cruelty of the enemy.

Protect them from the hatred of others and bolster their personal pride of being American as they rid our world of the works of darkness and weapons of mass destruction.

Console their loved ones and family members who remain on the home front. Gently dry the tears of those who mourn for the wounded in battle and those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice.

Oh God, bless them with Thy presence. Grant us homeland security. May Thy Peace, the fruit of justice, truth and mercy, reign in America and throughout the world. Amen.

*No Time to Pray?*

*All You Need is One Minute*