



# Pope John Paul The Great

## Be Not Afraid



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### Grand Knight's Notes

#### *Joe's Jots*

Brothers, Happy New Year. I know that 2006 will be as good as 2005. One goal is to get a few good men to join. We are looking for quality, not Quantity. If you know some, approach them. Supreme has asked that we include more Hispanic members. Apparently they have a method of finding out our ethnic make up. I really would like to have a proportionate number of members from the Hispanic community. There are a lot 1<sup>st</sup> degrees and 2<sup>nd</sup> degrees coming up in the first two months of 2006.

Thanks to the Ladies Auxiliary for their support last year. Where would we be without our ladies?

One major project being talked about: The Anniversary of St. Luke coupled with Father's anniversary is in the talking stages for spring, probably June. I believe that we can be a major help in this occasion. Let me know if you have any thoughts.

Also, I think that we can become involved with Our Lady Of Perpetual Help. I know that the council at Ascension Church, Mother Teresa, has some involvement.

Very soon we will come into the time of year which we collect for KOVAR (Knights of Virginia Assisting Special Citizens (Retarded)) More to come on that.

Attached to this newsletter is a form to prepare for the Fraternal Survey. Please get it to me before Thursday.

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### An excerpt . . . from the October Columbia Magazine

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#### INSURANCE

“When Father McGivney founded the Knights, he wanted local councils to organize and conduct fraternal activities to benefit members, the parish and the community at large. He was especially concerned with the widows and orphans, because he knew first hand what it meant to lose the father and the breadwinner in the family. His own father died when he was a young seminarian. For Father McGivney, the most important fraternal benefit his Knights could provide was financial assistance to members’ families affected by the death of a breadwinner.

Father McGivney had a pastor’s heart matched with a penchant for practical and effective action. Under his direction, the Knights of Columbus replaced the practice of passing the hat to help a deceased member’s family with a new structure that offered life insurance to its members. The pooling of insurance premiums at the Supreme Council created the basis for a financially sound program, and helped relieve local councils of the burden of supporting its widows and their families.

As membership grew and individual member needs became more varied, the Order responded. **Associate (non-insurance) members were welcomed, but always with the desire and the objective of transferring them to insurance members at the first opportunity.** The availability of insurance was extended to members’ juvenile sons and later to their wives and daughters. New products were designed to make insurance affordable to more members.”

**More to come from this article in the  
up-coming months!!**

### INSURANCE (Cont.)

If you are currently an Associate Member and you wish to become an Insured Member, please contact us at the numbers below. We will schedule a confidential interview at your home, office or my office. As of this writing, we are making appointments for December.

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### December Family and Knight of the Month

The November Family of the Month is Kevin and Patty Trail family, and the Knight of the Month is Bob Evans. Congratulations to them.