



**THE KNIGHTS
OF COLUMBUS**
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ST. BERNADETTE'S COUNCIL 10236

June 18, 2007

Brother Knights,

This is my last Business meeting as your Grand Knight. And let me say I am quite relieved. When first elected as Grand Knight I didn't know if I could really do it. I followed in some pretty impressive footsteps, Rob Holland, John Friedl, Phil Herdsman and Jim Kelly. Each of these men set a standard that I knew would be hard to match, well except John. It is a daunting thing, to become Grand Knight. You really imagine yourself taking a great leap into the unknown and worse you fear you may do it alone.

Brothers, I can assure any of you wanting to become Grand Knight that you do not do this job alone. I was graced by the friendship and good wishes of so many in this Council. When the work seemed to overwhelm you came forward and eased my burden. I cannot count the number of times I was gladdened and truly touched to see you pitching in and making this Council and this Church work. The never ending Bingos, the various dances, the Parish picnic, the Hall set-up committee, the list goes on and on. And it will continue to go on. Our work as Knights is a lifelong commitment. I won't single any of you out but so many give so freely of yourselves that the time and effort I expended pales. I thank all of you for making my time as Grand Knight so rewarding.

I would also like to offer my support and encouragement to the new Executive and particularly to Hugh Gibson, your new Grand Knight. These men will, I am sure, do a superb job in the upcoming Fraternal year. I know you will all give them the help and good wishes that you have conferred upon me.

You know it is at times like these, when you look back, that you realize there is more than one set of footprints in your life and that God truly never does give you more than you can handle. And I can attest to that. This time as your Grand Knight has been an important and cherished part of my life. I also know that without you and the Grace of God I would have failed and for that I am supremely grateful. Thank you all and good luck to the new Executive.

Sincerely,

Terence Woods
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