

January Message:

Worthy Grand Knight, Sir Knights and Brothers all,

Happy New Year! It's that well known time of year when we make resolutions. Have you made any yet? Maybe the realistic question is, "Have you already broken some of them yet?"

Here are some popular New Year's Resolutions:

1. Get in shape; for some of us this means to lose some weight, exercise more and staying fit; to stop smoking or eat healthier foods.
2. Stop procrastinating; I don't know about you, but I'm going to put this off for yet another year!
3. Improve on a skill or develop a new hobby; maybe you want to lower your golf handicap or learn to bowl. I've always wanted to_____.
4. Go to church more often and get more involved in charitable endeavors.
5. Be more thankful; God has blessed me in so many ways and sometimes I forget to thank Him for all of those things...usually because I'm too busy asking for something else.
6. Spend more time with the people that matter most; sometimes I get so busy working, keeping the house up or going to some meeting, I forget the ones I do these things for. I've got to set aside more time to just be with them.
7. Reduce stress; in this sometimes hectic and seemingly crazy world, it's easy to get swallowed up in the latest tragedy and worry all the time. Cutting out those sources of stress or learning how to deal with them more effectively means a more settled life.
8. Read more; with so much on the internet, TV and radio it's easy for me to get lost in those. Reading for pleasure has become something of a lost art. Think about the last book you read; I just read _____ and it was very enjoyable.
9. Spend wisely; it's so easy to spend money on things we really don't need, buy on a whim or because we're keeping up with the Jones. I just bought a _____ and now that I reflect on that I'm thinking, "Do I really need that?"
- 10. Review your financial health; whatever your current situation, it's always a good idea to take stock on a yearly basis.**

Now this last resolution I can definitely help you keep: Resolve to meet with me this year to update your Family Service Record and see where you stand. Your financial health is critical to your family's future security. As your field agent I have so much more responsibility than a simple financial advisor or stock broker. We'll take a look at your dreams, goals and aspirations and make sure you're on track to make them become a reality. I'll be around after the meeting if you'd like to talk.

Sincerely,

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