

August 1, 2007

Dear Men,

Please God this update letter finds you well and having a fun-filled and relaxing summer. Damian Wargo and I have been working very hard to promote the work of *The King's Men* (TKM) apostolate. Believe it or not, the month of July marked the first time since the launch of TKM that Damian and I have been able to work side-by-side and the results prove that together we can do more. It is our sincere hope that TKM will grow to the point that multiple men will one day be working full-time towards uniting and building men as true leaders, protectors and providers. This update letter will feature one of the ways that we hope to make this a reality.

The month of July began with our first ever tailgate party at Citizens Bank Park on July 1st. Damian, with the help of TKM benefactor Tom Boshell, organized this event in celebration of those who have been so supportive of the work of TKM this past year. Forty men and women gathered and watched the Phillies dismantle the New York Mets. We hope to continue to put on events like this throughout the upcoming year.

Damian and I met with auxiliary Bishop Joseph McFadden on Monday July 16th. This meeting was generated in an effort to apprise him of the fruits of our labor this past year. If you know our history, you know that it was through a meeting with the bishop in 2006 that Damian and I began to see the vision for TKM. His Excellency could not have been more pleased with our work and continued to support and encourage us to move forward. I am pleased to tell you that the bishop agreed to help us promote TKM throughout the Archdiocese as well as writing his own personal letter of recommendation of our work. Another fruit from this meeting may be a future meeting with his Eminence Justin Cardinal Rigali—stay tuned for future updates on this exciting prospect!

I had the unique privilege of traveling to Indianapolis, Indiana for the Frassati Society's annual conference. In the spirit of Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati, over 150 young adult men and women gathered during the weekend of July 27-29th to grow in their faith and hear yours truly deliver two talks. The titles of these talks were *Chivalry: The Forgotten Art* and *Unleashing Your Warrior Within*. If you would like to schedule a TKM speaker to come to your parish please email me at mark@thekingsmen.us or log onto our website www.thekingsmen.us about upcoming talks and events.

Also, the TKM "Ten (\$10) for \$10,000 Raffle" is officially underway. Damian has designed and organized this raffle with the goal of generating funds for our capital campaign. The raffle will be drawn on the Feast of All Saints Day, November 1, 2007. For more information about this raffle and how you can get involved in either selling or purchasing tickets please log onto our website or email damian@thekingsmen.us.

Gratefully Yours,
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Co-Founder/President