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Dear Men,

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The month of October was an extremely busy month for **The King's Men** (TKM). My co-founder Damian Wargo and I brought TKM's mission of building men in the mold of leader, protector and provider to Detroit, MI, Newtown, PA, Keyport, NJ, Des Moines, IA, Baltimore, MD, Scranton, PA, Beltsville, MD and West Hollywood, CA. Of course, these opportunities could not be possible if wasn't for the prayers and support of people like you. As always, I hope you enjoy this update letter and feel truly a partner in this great work!

On Friday 10/3, Director of Operations Damian Wargo packed his bags for the second annual National Catholic Men's Fellowship Leadership Conference in Detroit. This conference brought together nearly a hundred leaders from the Catholic men's movement throughout the United States. The goal: to unite men in our collective desire to address and combat the crisis in masculinity. Damian brought back much useful and immediately applicable information from the leaders present in Michigan.

On Saturday 10/4, I was privileged to be invited by the Gracepoint Baptist Church in Newtown to address their men's group on the issue of sexual integrity. Well over a hundred men attended this men's prayer breakfast. The reception and feedback that I received was very encouraging as we together strive as a Christian community to fight the evils of pornography.

On Wednesday 10/8, Damian, my wife and I traveled to the municipal court in the Borough of Keyport, NJ. You may recall from past updates (see January '08 letter www.thekingsmen.org) that I was arrested during a protest of a sexually oriented business (SOB) called Fantasies. Well, this was my official day in court to fight the charges against me. Armed with an amazing Christian lawyer Demetrios Stratis, TKM is in the process of defending our work and our first amendment rights which were violated back in December of 2007. Please keep this intention in your prayers as the trial and court proceedings are not yet complete.

On Saturday 10/12, I traveled to Des Moines for a Father/Daughter luncheon sponsored by Pure Fashion. While in Iowa, I had the privilege of delivering a talk on masculine spirituality and being a guest on a local radio program called "Rise & Shine."

On Tuesday 10/14, Damian and I were invited to speak at a "Faith on Tap" young adult series in Baltimore. This was the second time that TKM was invited to this group. Maryland is quickly becoming TKM's second home as we headed back down 95 South on 10/25, this time for the No More Porn Tour (NMPT) in Beltsville, MD. In partnership with Maryland Coalition Against Pornography (MCAP), TKM rallied over 30 men and women to take on a local SOB. For two hours, TKM effectively shut down this SOB and empowered MCAP to continue this fight by publicly demonstrating and witnessing to the harms of pornography in Beltsville.

On Saturday 10/18, I was invited to deliver a workshop on forming men's groups in Scranton. Over 20 men came out for what is the beginning of new men's group in NE PA called the "Guardians of the Redeemer." Finally on 10/31, Damian and I took the NMPT to West Hollywood for a week's long worth of activism, masculine spirituality and fellowship. As always, thank you for your continued prayers and support for our apostolate.

Mark J. Houck
Co-Founder/President