

Dear Friend of The King's Men,

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Happy New Year! It is hard to believe that our full-time outreach to men will be embarking on our fourth year in 2009. **The King's Men** (TKM) apostolate began our mission of building and uniting men in the mold of leader, protector and provider in the hopes that this small apostolic effort would be an answer to the crisis in masculinity. I can honestly say that TKM is effectively answering the crisis most plaguing our Church today. Of course none of this work would be possible if it was not for the support of our generous benefactors. I hope you enjoy this update and I pray that you and yours will be blessed in the New Year.

On Wednesday December 3<sup>rd</sup>, at the No More Porn Tour in Montgomeryville, PA, TKM Co-Founder Damian Wargo cried out to the Holy Spirit to let the fire fall upon the multi-billion dollar pornography industry. Little did we know it then, but God had plans to do just that! In the December Updates I noted that TKM was involved in a protest (11/1/08) of the landmark strip club called The Body Shop in West Hollywood, CA. On 12/4 at 6:45 am (approximately 16 hours after Damian's plea) the Sunset Boulevard sexually oriented business was in flames. Early reports indicate that 70% of the building was damaged. Thankfully no one was in the building or injured at the time of the fire. At the time of the fire the owner, Salas Almudarris, said he plans to re-open in one month. Please pray for this man and that The Body Shop remains closed this month and for many months to come. In case there is any doubt in your mind as to how the fire was started, it is believed to be an electrical malfunction and furthermore Damian and I were not in CA at the time of the fire—shame on you for thinking such!

On Saturday December 6<sup>th</sup>, Damian presented for the sixth time this year a lecture on masculine spirituality at Malvern Retreat House. TKM has been presenting to the Men of Malvern since the start of our apostolate in 2006. The title of the talk that we have been delivering is "Men: The Backbone of the Church." In 2009, TKM will be delivering a new talk entitled "You've Got What it Takes: What Every Father Needs to Know about Initiating and Mentoring Sons." This talk will be delivered on the first Saturdays of the month. For more information about our speaking engagements and presentation themes go to our website [www.thekingsmen.org](http://www.thekingsmen.org) and click on our "Speaking Tour" link.

On Sunday December 7<sup>th</sup>, TKM hosted our first annual DecemberFEST at St. Raymond of Penafort Parish in Mt. Airy, PA. This event was designed as a fundraiser to support the mission of TKM. The evening began at 4 PM with plenty of drinks, food and fellowship followed by the funk-a-licious sounds of the Bruce Mays Experiment. After Bruce was done entertaining, Damian and I had a very special announcement—the recipient of the first ever St. Augustine award. This award was given in honor of the man who best exemplifies the qualities of the leader, protector and provider. The 2008 winner was Terrance Rebello. We closed the night with some joyful noises karaoke style! Thanks to all of you who joined us, especially those who volunteered their time to decorate and clean-up. A special note of thanks is in order to Father Chris Walsh, pastor of St. Raymond's, for his kind and most generous support to the event.

Finally, on December 12<sup>th</sup>, TKM said goodbye (for now) to our two college interns: Melissa and Steve. TKM salutes and thanks them for all their hard work this past semester. TKM has benefited greatly from their contribution and time. As always, thank you for reading this update and for all your continued support!

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Co-Founder/President