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Quote for the month:

*Not what we say about our blessings, but how we use them,
is the true measure of our thanksgiving.*

--WT Purkiser



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Happy Thanksgiving

Reasons To Be Thankful

By Melvin Durai

I love Thanksgiving because it reminds Americans to be thankful. Just go to any home on Thanksgiving Day and you will meet people who are thankful -- thankful they have an opportunity, in this great country, to stuff themselves with food. Yes, many people spend the entire day being thankful.

I wish everyone around the world could be just as thankful -- and not just once a year. There are many reasons to be thankful, even if you live in Beirut. Here are just a few:

Be thankful if you have food on your plate, if you aren't constantly hungry, if you don't lick your lips whenever you spot your neighbor's Chihuahua.

Be thankful if you enjoy freedom of speech, if you can write a play portraying the president as a horse's behind, if you don't have to write your next play with a pen up yours.

Be thankful if you have an unlimited supply of water, if your plants are never thirsty, if your dog drinks often from a bowl, one that you don't flush.

Be thankful if you have freedom of worship, if you can attend a church, temple or mosque without the slightest fear, if you can decorate your car with stickers that say "Jesus is Lord," "Allah is great" or "Elvis is king."



Special points of interest:

- * Christmas is coming soon!
- * T-shirts are still on sale!
- * Send in your best stories about Golden Key members
- * Feel free to volunteer for our service projects.

Reasons To Be Thankful continued.....

Be thankful if you're smarter than the average teen, if you can find Oman, Sudan, Kenya and Samoa on a globe, if you don't think they're parts of speech, as in: "Oman, I'm Sudan tired! Kenya give me Samoa water?"

Be thankful if you have health insurance, if you can see a doctor anytime you wish, if your doctor didn't get his medical training through the Internet

Be thankful if you're fairly healthy, if you don't need a file for all your prescriptions, if your medicine cabinet isn't as big as President Bush's Cabinet.

Be thankful if you don't face discrimination, if the country club doesn't exclude you because of the color of your skin, if the hot date doesn't reject you because of the color of your teeth.

Be thankful if you have a loving family, if they accept you the way you are, if they're trying hard to forget the way you were.

Be thankful if you have no serious addictions, if you can survive an entire week

without smoking, drinking or playing bingo, if you show no signs of withdrawal, not even when visiting the bank.

Be thankful if you have a decent job, if it comes with many benefits, if the best benefit isn't free counseling after the boss harasses you.

Be thankful if you have a roof over your head, if the roof is wide enough to cover all your belongings, if you don't have to put the roof in storage whenever there's a tornado warning.

Be thankful if you have a retirement plan, if the plan includes annual vacations to an exotic locale, if the plan doesn't include the words "Would you like fries with that?"

Be thankful if you have a means of transportation, if you can take your family on a long trip to the country, if the trip refreshes their souls and doesn't wear out their soles.

Be thankful if you appreciate what you have, if you don't take your blessings for granted, if you spend part of your life -- even a small part -- helping others less fortunate.

The 2006 University of Memphis Chapter's Golden Key Induction Ceremony

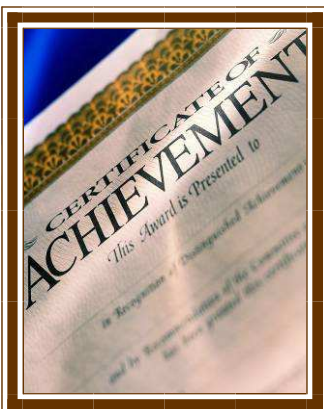
Yes, Ladies and Gentlemen, it is that time of the year. I am sure you all remember your induction into this prestigious organization.



Our guest

The newest members into our society. There will be a reception following the short ceremony, at which time you will have the opportunity to mingle with the new inductees.

This year we are holding the induction at speaker is Dr. Broderick Nichols.



the Michael Dr. Nichols is the Assistant Dean of Rose Theatre Undergraduate Affairs and the Director of the Paralegal Studies Program at the University of Memphis. It will be November 19th from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm. If you have never heard him speak, you are in for a delicious treat, he is phenomenal.

Everyone is invited to help welcome

The scholarships will be given at the ceremony, along with information



about upcoming events. See you there!

An Opportunity to Serve the Families of Fallen Soldiers

The M. Scott Kerr foundation is working to provide a "dream weekend" for the children of fallen soldiers. The Snowball Express will take place from December 15th through December 17th, and will benefit children who have lost a parent in Iraq or Afghanistan in the War on Terror. They are diligently working to make dreams come true for children who have sacrificed so much for our country.



Their goal is to make this holiday season as joyous an occasion as possible. The children and their surviving parent or guardian will fly to

Southern California courtesy of Southwest Airlines, and will stay at hotels in Orange County that have been donated by corporations such as Marriott and Ayres, among others. Oakley World Headquarters is providing a party for the families, featuring an extreme sports show and major entertainment. The Crystal Cathedral will be hosting a special presentation of "The Glory of Christmas." The weekend will end on a high note, with a full day at Disneyland/California Adventure hosted by



The Walt Disney Corporation. If you are or know the

surviving spouse or guardian whose child has lost a parent in the War on Terror and wish to attend this dream weekend, please register online at www.snowballexpress.org. If you want to make a donation or want to sponsor a child please contact this website as well. These children belong to us all, as every American benefited from their parents serving this great nation. We all can help. They deserve the best!

Michael Kerr founded this organization and the Snowball Express for the purpose of providing for the families and especially the children of fallen soldiers now and forever. The Organization's goal is to supplement and enhance services provided by the government.

Her Daddy died in Iraq. Now she needs your help.

We, as a nation, bear some responsibility to look after the kids of those who have laid down their lives to protect us.

The Snowball Express will provide a holiday experience for every child who has lost a parent while serving in our military forces during the Afghanistan and Iraq conflict. We will be bringing the children and surviving parent or guardian from throughout the nation to Orange County in mid-December, 2006 for a holiday party they won't forget and a trip to Disneyland.

The Snowball Express is sponsored by the M. Scott Kerr Foundation and the Rotary Clubs of Costa Mesa, Irvine Spectrum and Newport-Irvine, with Rotary Clubs across America pitching in to help.

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Other things may change us, but we start
and end with family

Come Party With The Graduates!



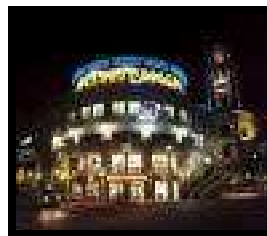
Next month is the 2006 Fall semester University of Memphis Graduation, and we are going out in style! Everyone is invited to come and celebrate this momentous occasion.

Saturday, December 16th at 8:00p.m, The famous Isaac Hayes restaurant located in the Peabody Place downtown, will be hosting a graduate's dinner exclusively for Golden Key

Members, alumni, honorary members, graduates and their families. Everyone is invited and welcome to come. There will

be a outstanding band, and opportunity for those of you who would like to croon to practice your skills in front of family and friends.

Children are welcome to come, although they will be the responsibility of each parent. This will be a great opportunity to congratulate our graduates and to say



Good bye to some. If you are interested please email me and let me know how many will be coming with you, or if you just need additional information. I

hope to see you all there.

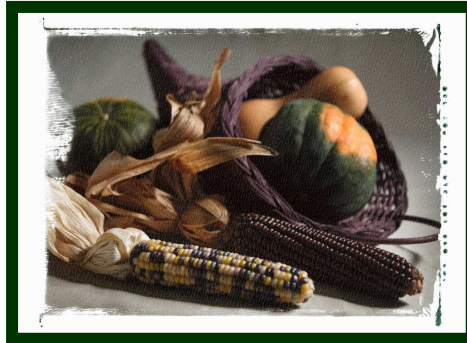


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What's coming up this month?

*Don't forget to thank a Veteran this weekend, it's their special day on Saturday **November 11**. There will be special services held around Memphis. For more information contact the Central Library..

*There is a mandatory officer meeting scheduled for **Friday November 10th from 12:30 noon to 2:00 pm, and Friday November 17th from 12:30 to 2:00 pm**. We will be meeting at our regular meeting place in



Wilder Towers. All active officers need to attend! Anyone interested in participating in induction is welcome to attend those meetings, we need volunteers. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me immediately.

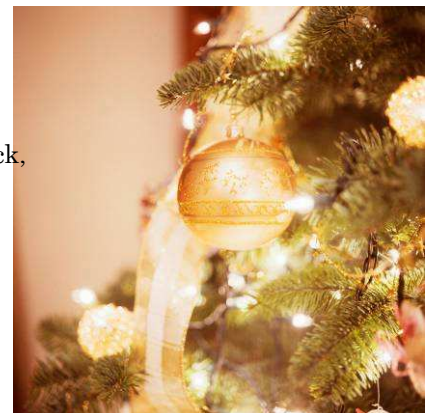
*.The Induction ceremony will take place

Sunday, November 19th at 3:00 pm at the Rose Theatre on campus. Everyone is invited to attend and meet the newest members to Golden Key.

*Thanksgiving is **Thursday November 23rd**. The University will be closed from the 23rd to thru the 26th. If you know of a single student that is unable to go home, please consider inviting them into your home for Thanksgiving. Call, if you have any questions about these events.

It's Beginning to Look at Lot Like Christmas

Can you believe Christmas is next month? Wow! Time sure flies doesn't it? Well, Every year, our chapter of Golden Key adopts a children from the Tennessee Baptist Children's Home, and this year is no different. Please consider donating a gift, a check, Or a dish, so that we may provide a special Christmas to these wonderful children. If you would like to purchase a specific gift, please contact our service director to find out what is on the wish list. You can reach her at adfloyd@memphis.edu.



Opportunity to Become a Golden Key Officer

Induction is fast approaching, and the week after induction, Golden Key will be placing new officers into position for the upcoming year. If you will be taking a leadership role in your future career, this would be a great opportunity to polish leadership abilities.

As an officer in Golden Key, you will definitely grow as you face challenges. A self-assured reward goes to the individuals who take advantage of the opportunity and are self disciplined enough to rise to a new level.

Becoming an effective leader is an ongoing process based on self

improvement and life experience. Becoming an officer will allow you to challenge yourself

and fine tune your leadership abilities.

Success is determined by your ability to produce improved results by understanding what is in your control and what is not. As a leader you will learn not to focus on uncontrollable situations, but to invest your energy into what can be controlled.

You will become a better person and will enhance the achievement of others. You will learn not to react but to thoughtfully respond to situations.

If you are interested in a particular position, please contact

one of the officers or advisors, to get more information about what responsibilities are associated with that particular role. We look forward to future leaders of the University of Memphis Chapter of Golden Key, keeping us golden!!



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