

Dear Men,

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“It’s about time!” exclaimed a woman as she cheered from her car for our protest in front of Adult World on Wednesday, July 27<sup>th</sup>. My guess is that it was this woman’s first time ever witnessing men publicly rejecting pornography and fighting an out-of-control and unregulated industry. We couldn’t agree more with this woman and the countless other women who are so encouraging to us. The time is NOW to protect others from the dangers of pornography, especially women and children. Thanks be to God we have been summoned into this battle and during the month of July TKM witnessed to the truth through our anti-porn efforts three more times, once at Coyotes Strip Club (7/11) and twice to Adult World (7/2 and 7/27).

Immediately following the July 11<sup>th</sup> protest at Coyotes, TKM President Mark Houck and his wife Ryan-Marie embarked on a monumental, two week road trip spreading The King’s Men mission to Catholic leaders on the east, southeast and midwest regions of US. This 5200 mile trip included nine states, sixteen cities, thirteen meetings, and was a HUGE success which is already bringing new partnerships, speaking opportunities, and the formation and/or adaptation of other men’s groups in the mold of TKM around the country! Trip highlights include meetings with Anthony Buono (Virginia) founder of Ave Maria Single, Johnnette Benkovic and Fr. Ed Sylvia (Florida) of Women of Grace, the Vice Chancellor for the diocese of Kansas City (Missouri), and Kevin O’Brien leader of Men of Christ (Wisconsin), as well as other significant leaders in the men’s movement like Fr. Phillip Chavez, SOLT, Danny Abramowicz, Michael Pergola, and more. Mark also was featured on an EWTN radio interview and took part in a 1000+ men’s conference in Houston. All of the details are available in an article and interactive-map on our web site at [www.thekingsmen.org](http://www.thekingsmen.org) and also highlighted in a radio interview with Co-Founder Damian Wargo who is the summer radio host (see [www.thekingsmen.org/radio.html](http://www.thekingsmen.org/radio.html)).

On July 7<sup>th</sup> Mark and Damian were guests on the local Philadelphia cable TV show, “Mike Robinson Presents.” Mike tapped into Mark and Damian’s expertise in the area of masculine formation and men’s ministry. Specifically, he offered TKM the opportunity to share our strategies for fighting pornography as well as helping men lead lives of virtue and sexual integrity.

Another update from the month was our 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month (7/12) “War Room” meeting where six men gathered to continue strategizing and prioritizing battles to fight the gravest evils in our local communities. We continue to invite all men to these monthly meetings. We need diverse skills and much manpower. Visit our web site for more details.

TKM is thrilled to announce plans to organize and deliver two, three day, outdoor experiential retreats for men called “Into the Wild.” One will be held in the late spring of ’09 and the other will be held in the late summer of ’09. We have solidified two excellent, rugged locations both in PA, one at French Creek State Park and the other at Hickory Run State Park.

Finally, after much prayer and discernment, I am pleased to announce that I have decided to join Mark on a fulltime basis with TKM. I am *very* excited, enthused, and humbled by this great opportunity. Please continue to keep The King’s Men in prayer!

Damian Wargo  
Co-Founder/Director of Operations