

United We Stand! United We Stand!

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That was the message that rang loud and clear during Father Dan's homily last Sunday at Mass. United We Stand! United We Stand! See, Father Dan had gone to the Monday Night Packers/Redskins Game in Green Bay. He had shared with us just how moving the whole experience was. Packer fans, Redskins fans, players, Packer personnel and just about everyone there, united in front of a national audience. Father Dan continues to go on with what was an awesome display of patriotism and unity, right up until one drunk Packer fan took sole responsibility to rid their section of the only Washington Redskins fan seated there. *United We Stand! United We Stand!* Or was that just before the game began?

Monday morning came very early as I began to reflect upon Father's message again. And as most of you already know, one has quite a bit of time to think while riding a GA-30 aerating fairways. This question came to mind: how united are we really? How united are we in our families? How united

are we in our neighborhoods or communities? How united are we as Christians? How united are we as citizens in a country where freedoms are abundant? How united are we in our work places?

With the many adversities that we have faced this year, I have witnessed first hand how the lack of unity can lead to division among co-workers. *United We Stand! Divided We Fall!* How could I have possibly missed the signs that are so very evident now? Where was I when employees needed to share their thoughts or concerns in confidence? How could something so obvious been overlooked? It may very well be that I was too busy chipping brush, or digging stumps, or lending ground support to the arborist we hired. Too busy that I may have forgotten the role I play as a manager of employees. I now very

much understand that I may have been out of touch with the very people I work with day in and day out. It is with that, that I must renew my spirit and commitment, so that I can forge ahead to once again become the glue that bonds and unites these individuals. For without unity, individuals working together can not accomplish the tasks and goals set forth. *For United We Stand! United We Stand!*

Since this is my last President's Message, I wish to thank all of you for your support and trust. I hope that in some small (positive) way, I have been able to reach each and every one of you! May God bless all of you! And with that, I share with you a short phrase my son Hunter always tells his parents: "And that's it." 🌿



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