

Arkansas State Council Newsletter

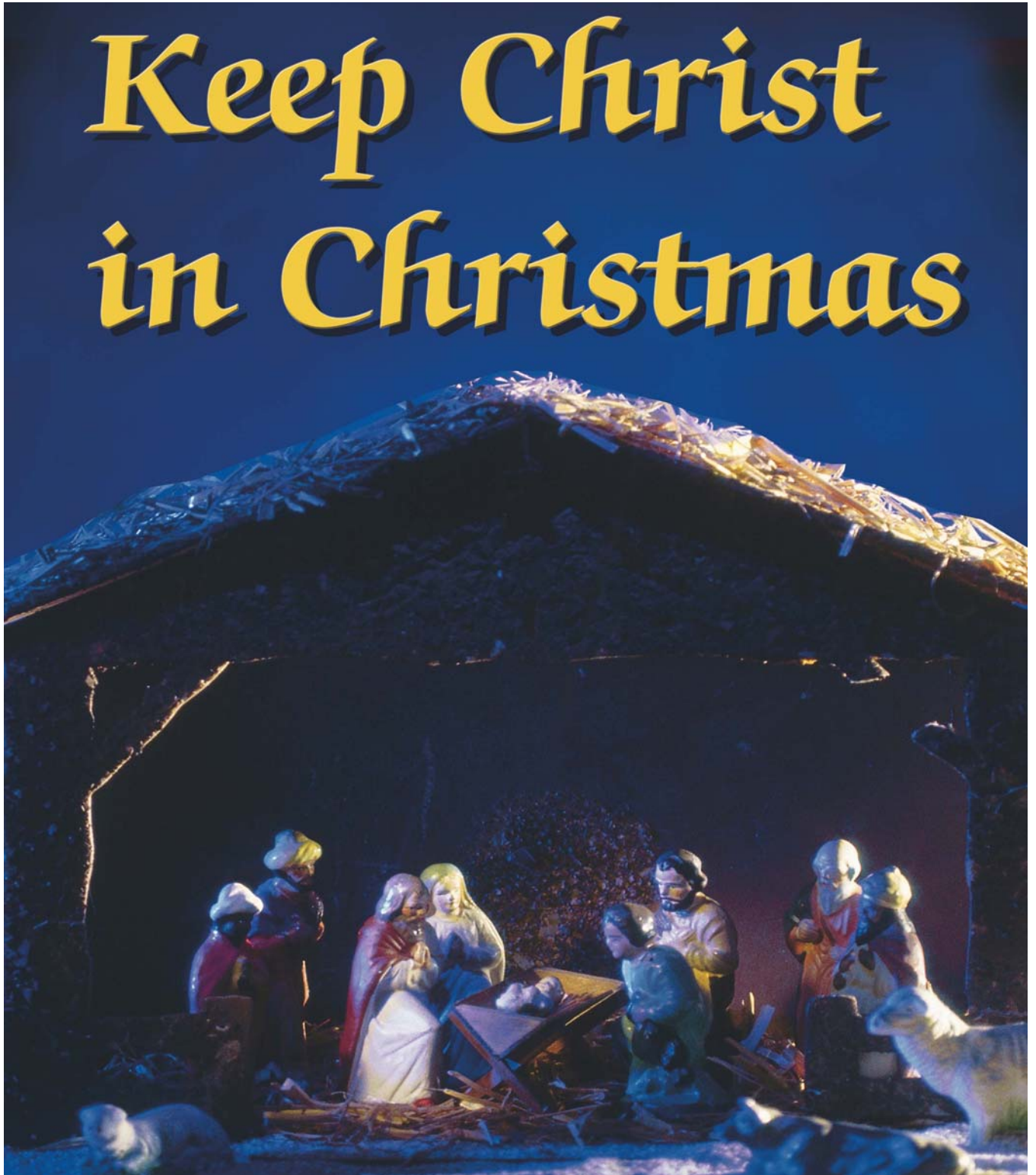
Knights of Columbus

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Keep Christ in Christmas



Merry Christmas!

STATE DEPUTY STEVE BELL



On Saturday November 17, 2007 every State Deputy from every jurisdiction attended Mass at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception Catholic

Church in Washington, D.C.

After the Mass The Most Reverend Bishop Donald W. Wuerl in the presence of Cardinal Rigali, Archbishop of Philadelphia and Reverend Monsignor Walter R. Rossi Rector of the Basilica and Supreme Knight Carl Anderson and the Supreme Officers Dedicated the Knights of Columbus Incarnation Dome.

The Four Rosary scenes on this magnificent mosaic masterpiece are the Annunciation, the Nativity, the Wedding Feast at Cana and the Transfiguration. The four pendentives portray significant persons from the scriptural accounts and prophetic accounts of the Incarnation of Jesus, the Prophet Jeremiah, the Prophet Isaiah, the Matriarch Sarah and the Prophet Micah. The encircling text, "The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us. And we saw his glory – glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth" (John 1:14)

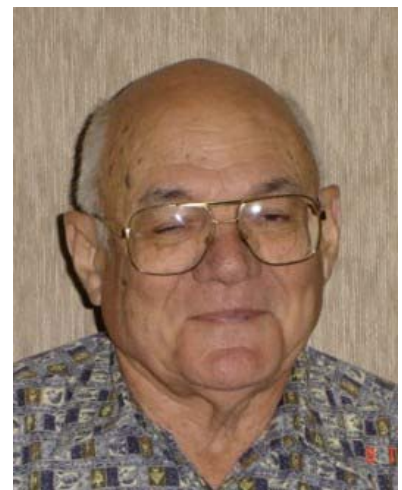
In honor of the 125th Anniversary of the Knights of Columbus, Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson reaffirmed the long standing relationship of the Knights with the National Shrine and pledged a gift of \$1 million toward this dome. The dome was completed on July 12, 2007

If you are visiting Washington, D.C. in the future, be sure and attend Mass at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. The Knights of Columbus had installed the Bell tower in 1967 and various other items in the Church. It is truly magnificent.

Please include the following in the December bulletin and also add the report "4584 Partner Profile Report-Special Olympics due January 31, 2008" to the list of reports listed on the last page of the bulletin.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS LEE C BORNE PAST STATE DEPUTY

In 2004, Supreme initiated a Partnership grant program with Special Olympics. The program provided for a \$3,000 grant during the first year and grants for subsequent years based on financial



aid and physical help provided to Special Olympics. Report 4584 "Partnership Profile Report" is to be used for reporting the annual activity as of January 31st each year.

The report is to be submitted by each council even though the council was not involved in Special Olympics. Before it is decided that a council did not participate, remember that each council was requested to donate \$50 towards Special Olympics when the Dues statements were mailed to the councils. That qualifies as an activity.

A report is also to be submitted by the State Council to cover financial aid and activities outside a council level by individuals. As an example, I arrange to secure the buttons with the logos and separate them into small quantities for easier distribution at the games. Another person receives the sports card and insert them into envelopes. Another group of ladies paint figures on car seat beads. This is just an example of what can qualify as aid.

When calculating volunteer hours, include travel hours to events. When in doubt as to whether an activity qualify, be generous and include it in the totals.

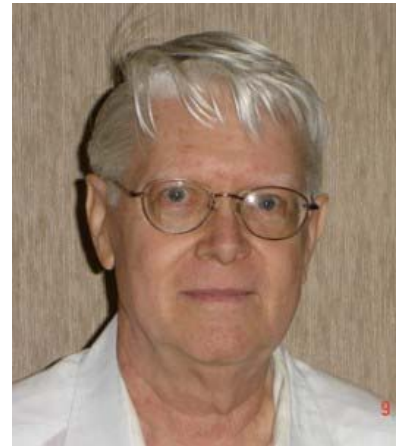
I have a list of the councils and volunteers who participated in the 2007 State Games and I will furnish that information to the councils sometime in December.

Above all, keep in mind that the more we report, the more Special Olympics Arkansas will receive from Supreme. Again, be generous in your thinking and calculations,

Lee C. Borne

**ARKANSAS DISTRICT MASTER
PHIL HAHN
FOURTH DEGREE ACTIVITIES**

A Fourth Degree Exemplification is scheduled for Saturday, April 12, 2008 at St. Jude's Catholic Church hall in Jacksonville, sponsored by the Bishop Edward Fitzgerald



Assembly. A detailed flyer will be sent out to all Grand Knights and Faithful Navigators before the end of December. Make copies of the schedule and distribute to your membership, especially to anyone interested in going as a candidate or a spectator. Honoree for this event will be Former Master, Frank Letzig of Little Rock. There is no other Fourth Degree Exemplification planned at this time so make this your priority for advancing members in the councils and gaining new members into the Fourth Degree.

The Supreme Council has authorized a program called the "Dome Fund". This is a \$1,000,000 project to construct and install a mosaic in the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC. It is officially called the Incarnation Dome, depicting episodes in the life of Jesus. Supreme Master, Joseph Schultz, has asked the Fourth Degree to donate \$500,000 or \$1.00 per assembly member. We have two years to achieve this goal. Information on this project has been mailed to Grand Knights and Faithful Navigators from the Supreme Office. If anyone has and question about this project you can contact me.

The Fourth Degree has, since 2003, participated in the Veteran Affairs Voluntary Service program. It is a program for all charitable voluntary organizations to help all veterans in need of VA hospital service. Arkansas has three such Hospitals, one each in Little Rock, North Little Rock, and Fayetteville. Each organization, e.g., Knights of Columbus, is allowed two representatives at the quarterly hospital service meeting to help in planning and implementing events and projects for the veterans. The Arkansas Knights of Columbus currently have two representatives for the Little Rock and North Little Rock VA hospitals. However, there is only one representative for Fayetteville and he must soon leave his post after four years of service due to medical reasons. I am currently looking for someone to two knights to be the Knights of Columbus representative at the VAMS in Fayetteville. Any Knight, not just Fourth Degree, can fill this important role and represent the Arkansas and Supreme Knights of Columbus. If you can give some time on a regular basis a schedule can be arranged to accommodate you. This is our chance to help those who have given so much and who are now in need of our help, aid and comfort.

May all of you, your families and friends, have a very Merry and Blessed Christmas, and good health and happiness throughout the coming year.

FAMILY DIRECTOR

DICK STEMPLE



Having recently celebrated Thanksgiving and reflected on all the blessings we have been bestowed with, we should all be preparing to acknowledge and

celebrate the birth of our Lord into the holiest of families. We can accomplish this by doing our best to emulate Joseph and Mary in caring not only for our family and friends, but those who are in need of our help and our prayers. Let's finish 2007 by letting others know we intend to keep "Christ" in Christmas and what that holiday is truly all about! Wishing you and yours a very Merry and blessed Christmas, I remain

Dick Stemple,
Family Director

FUND RAISING DIRECTOR

GERALD KRAWCZYNSKI

The 'Just Ask Fund Raising Campaign' is progressing with donations coming in each day. As of this writing the collections are at 75% of the \$20,000.00 goal we have set for this



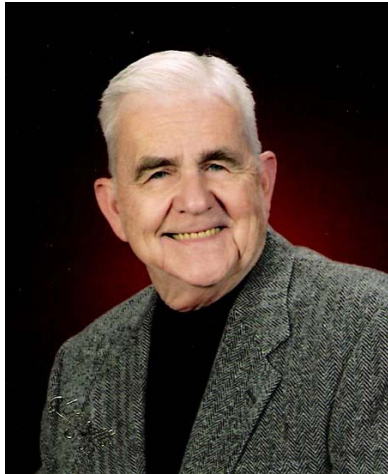
year. Many members are extremely generous. Of the 6,249 request letters sent out we have had 730 members respond with donations. Nine of the 23 Assemblies and 22 of the 52 active Councils have responded with donations. We are very grateful for those donations received thus far. I want to encourage the council and assemble officers along with the district deputies to help promote this fund drive by talking it up at council meetings, service program events and social events. The State Council really needs to reach our goal in the next few weeks. Donations of any amount will be gratefully accepted. Make the donation check to: ASC/Just Ask. Mail donations to: Gerald E. Krawczynski, State Fund Raising Director, 15 Raton Lane, Hot Springs Village, AR

71909.

Vivat Jesus!
Gerald Krawczynski

**GENERAL AGENT
FREDERICK WARD
NEWS FOR KNIGHTS**

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS INSURANCE IN FORCE TOPS
\$65 BILLION**



(NEW HAVEN, CT) - The Knights of Columbus insurance program passed a major milestone today, when total insurance in force exceeded \$65 billion for the first time. The Order

was established in 1882 as a fraternal benefit society, and one of its primary aims was to enable its members to protect their families with life insurance. The amount of Knights of Columbus life insurance in force has doubled in the past decade, from \$32.9 billion in 1997 to \$65 billion today.

The Knights of Columbus now has over \$14 billion in assets and more than 1.8 million life, annuity and long-term care policies in force, and ranks in the Fortune 1000 list of America's largest companies. It is one of only six insurance companies in North America to receive the highest possible rating from both Standard & Poor's (AAA) and A.M. Best (A++), and certification of ethical business practices from the Insurance Marketplace Standards Association (IMSA).

Supreme Knight and CEO Carl A. Anderson said that surpassing the \$65 billion milestone "is

solid evidence of our faithfulness to the vision of our founder, Fr. Michael J. McGivney, and a real tribute to our force of more than 1,300 field agents who have dedicated their careers to helping our members build a rock solid foundation on which to provide financial protection to their families."

The Knights of Columbus has more than 1.7 million members worldwide, in more than 13,000 local and state councils and fourth degree assemblies. Last year, members donated more than 68 million hours of volunteer time and \$143 million to charitable causes.

**IMMEDIATE PAST STATE DEPUTY
DAVID E. WITT**

MERRY

CHRISTMAS

This Holiday Season give the gift of yourself within the Council, Community and Family. Give the gift of Friendship, Understanding, Kindness, Love and Compassions.



The Best Presents Can't Be Wrapped

Be a part of the Holiday Spirit by undertaking one or more of these items and help make Christmas merry for someone else and yourself.

- Serve or prepare meals at a soup kitchen.

- Bring presents to children or elderly people in the hospital.
- Visit someone who's shut in.
- Send a Christmas card to someone you haven't seen or talked to in years.
- Invite a friend or neighbor who will be alone to share your Christmas celebration.
- Reconcile with a friend or relative with whom you've quarreled. ***Apologize if you were wrong.***
- Provide transportation to shelters for homeless people.
- ***Wish people you meet a good day and a Happy Holy Christmas.***
- Get the family together to clean out all the closets and dressers. Donate usable clothing, shoes, blankets and other items to a program for needy families.
- ***Send care packages to Military Personnel stationed overseas.***
- Sing Christmas Carols at nursing homes or hospitals.
- Collect baby clothes, blankets, diapers or money and donate these items to an organization that helps needy people. Supply car seats or cradles to underprivileged mothers.
- Sponsor a drive for children to donate their old toys to needy youngsters.

Finally, "***Give The Gift That Keeps On Giving***" by offering the benefits of membership to every

eligible Catholic man. Imagine the good that would be accomplished if every council in the State increased their membership by 10 or 15%. The results would be overwhelming and a tribute to our founder, Father Michael McGivney.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

PENNIES FROM HEAVEN DIRECTOR

OZRO N. BARCLAY

PENNIES FROM HEAVEN

So far this year, there have been 8 valid requests for grants from the "Pennies From Heaven" fund totaling \$2,400.00 dollars. These grants went to very grateful individuals who suffer from debilitating illness to the wage earner, or other family member, a disastrous fire causing loss of home and belongings or other family disasters. Truly, these grants reflect the basis of our Councils and the Knights of Columbus—Charity

We are now entering into a new liturgical year which leads us to prepare for the birth of our Lord, Jesus, whose Mother is the Blessed Virgin Mary. In this period there are many other circumstances that will not require a grant from the "Pennies From Heaven" fund, but will still bring happiness to both the giver and the recipient. These are acts of kindness that each and every one of us can do, such as being aware of the needs our neighbors or friends., or perhaps even a stranger who just might need an article or clothing or shoes that are no longer in use, a ride to the store or even ride to Church so that they can celebrate the Mass with the Family of the Church, or even a

toy for a child who Santa Claus just might not have on his list, or perhaps just a smile and a greeting of “Merry Christmas” might do. The list can go on and on. These are the simple acts of Charity that too many of us forget because we are caught up in the excitement of the forthcoming birth of the baby, Jesus, but most likely in our in our own family getting ready for the gifts to each other, the visitations , parties and banquets.

Yes, we decorate our homes, both inside and out with glittering lights, bulbs, and tinsel, but are we decorating our hearts with acts of charity to others? These simple acts are a mean to keep Christ in Christmas and in our hearts.

PERSONS WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES DIRECTOR

MIKE CRIMMINS



December is here and with that our STATE and LOCAL drive for disabilities is over for 2007.

Have you sent in your completion report? If not please

do so ASAP so we can close the books and see how much support the Arkansas Knights gave to the disability campaign.

If your council did not run a program but would like to make a contribution please do so soon.

To date, I show 20 councils have sent in completion forms. I hope there are more in process, if not it means 34 councils did nothing to support the disability campaign or the State Program. This I just cannot believe.

Early next year a final report will be made and I am sure it will show better results.

To the 20 councils who did report “THANKS” from the state, the disabled, and me for your dedication to “CHARITY”, you are appreciated.

STATE PRO-LIFE CHAIR COUPLE

ROGER M. AND NIKKI KUNZELMANN

The Razorbacks triple OT victory over LSU was something to celebrate. But more than that, we should have given special thanks to our parents for the gift of our existence and the fact that they chose life.

It is not to soon to begin evaluating the presidential candidates and consider their beliefs, proposals, and promises – not just on issues of abortion but more inclusively on issues of life – the death penalty, the war in Iraq, education, immigration, etc. We will have to evaluate the strengths and weaknesses of each candidate and will have to make some compromising decisions as no candidate is likely to be four-square on every issue that you and I consider important. The Bishops have expressed the obligation that each of us has to choose the lesser evil when every choice contains some undesirable elements.

In the final analysis, we should pray to the Holy Spirit for understanding and guidance. Even then, we will all not come to same conclusion; however, our choice should reflect a well formed conscience and effort to find the truth.

It is not too early too begin planning for the 30th Annual March for Life in Little Rock on **January 20, 2008**. Councils in Arkansas, and particularly those closer to Little Rock (e.g. within 50 miles), should be encouraged to participate in the March for Life. The 4th degree Knights have customarily provided an honor guard for the Celebrant, this

year, presumably Msgr. Hebert, and nearby Councils have provided a meal for marchers. Other Councils have contributed funds to defray some of the expenses incurred by the Diocese. Checks should be mailed to the Respect Life Office of the Diocese. Every dollar will be put to good use. Begin planning now for your District's/Council's participation.

Plan now to cooperate with your pastor in promoting observance on Monday, **January 22, 2008**, a particular day of penance and prayer - for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion and for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life. Councils should assist the pastor in observing this day and Knights and their families should be encouraged to attend Mass and pray the Rosary as a group. The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops has directed that all dioceses in the U.S. shall observe this day by celebrating the Mass for Peace and Justice.

Please call us at 479-254-0865 or e-mail kunzdad@cox.net to report any Pro-Life events you've scheduled or if you have any questions or suggestions.

Pray the Rosary daily for peace in the world and that all will respect God's creation.

STATE ADVOCATE
MARK L. MORGAN

It is time to start working on resolutions for the upcoming State Convention. This is a reminder to start the process of approving resolutions at your respective council meetings. Remember all resolutions submitted by a council have to be read and approved for submission by the council submitting the resolution. If you need an example to follow refer to the Minutes of the past State Convention.

Time is of the essence. The last day to have council approved resolutions mailed or e-mailed is February 26, 2008. I would prefer you sending proposed resolutions before the deadline. I will gladly help with any part of the process. From proof reading to giving advice, please contact me if I may be of assistance. My address and email are as follows.



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Respectfully Submitted,
Mark L Morgan
State Advocate

VOCATION CHAIRMAN
PETER Mc NULTY

My Brother Knights – Seminarian Jason Sharbaugh was recently installed as an Acolyte. Jason can now prepare the altar and prepare the water and wine for the Mass. This is the highest of the minor orders before Ordination as a Deacon. Jason's journey to Ordinated Priesthood has accomplished a major step and is to be congratulated for his dedication.



In my contacts (inquiries) with some Grand Knights and Faithful Navigators recently, causes me to plead for increased communication between the Grand Knights, Faithful Navigators, the Vocation Chairman of the Councils and the State Vocation Chairman. The Diocesan Vocation office, in its desire to have ALL Seminarians supported, looks to me to help coordinate among the councils and assemblies the data as to which seminarians are supported and which are not. Please do not wait until you submit your RSVP Form for refunds and plaques. Your communication to me, as to whom and when you make your RSVP Award, can help make a difference to another council or assembly in **selecting** a seminarian who is NOT being supported.

To the best of my knowledge, at the present time, the following seminarians are NOT being sponsored:

Thaihoa Tran 2014 Ordination date
 Enrique Castro 2014 Ordination date
 Daniel Ketcher 2014 Ordination date
 Martin Siebold 2015 Ordination date
 German Alegria 2015 Ordination date

My Brothers, while these candidates are NOT being supported, we have some seminarians receiving multiple awards! Please help ALL our candidates!

I can readily supply the addresses and other data on each of our candidates on your request.

E mail: pmcnulty@centurytel.net

May each and everyone have a most Blessed Christmas and a Holy New Year.

STATE ROUND TABLE CHAIRMAN
MIKE J. MITCHELL
GATHER ROUND THE ROUND TABLE

Last time I wrote this article I mentioned that soon I would be contacting some of you. That time is coming now. We should easily be able to meet our round table quota for the state this year with a little help from you Worthy Grand Knights. I will be obtaining information from Supreme before you read this and using that I will be contacting some of you to work out round table information. To those of you involved in Round Tables now thank you. To those who could have a round table I want to help you with information on that. So, gather Round the Table and I will be working with some of you on this worthy cause in the month of December.



FATHER MCGIVNEY GUILD
MIKE J. MITCHELL
STATE CHAIRMAN
CHRISTMAS TIME IS NEAR

As we all gather together with family and loved ones to celebrate the gift of Jesus into this world let us also remember servants of the Lord. One such man is our founder Father Michael J. McGivney. Who are other servants of the Lord? WE ARE!!! This new year lets all be Knights of Columbus searching for that "Shinning City on a Hill". Together we can make the world a better place for the Lords children



and or founders can look down from that Shinning City and be proud of all that his original idea, The Knights of Columbus and all that we have come to stand for. Please start out the new year by joining the Father McGivney Guild. We are an organization that strives to assist the Holy See in the canonization of our founder. By joining the Guild you risk nothing other that not obtaining a wealth of information that is available to you as a member. Please join online at www.fathermcgivney.org or fill out and mail the attached form.

DISTRICT CORNER

DISTRICT DEPUTY DISTRICT 06 WALTER SHELDON

All Councils in District 06 participated in the "Tootsie Roll Drive". Each Council has planned a Christmas party for its members. St. Stephens Council Number 12458 has already exceeded its membership goal for this current year.



A Second and Third Degree Exemplification is being planned for February 2008.

PLEASE ENROLL ME IN THE GUILD

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip Code _____

Mail to:

The Father McGivney Guild
Knights of Columbus
1 Columbus Plaza
New Haven, CT. 06510-3326

REPORTS DUE

185 Report of Officers Chosen for Term	July 1 - June 30 Jul 01
365 Service program Personnel Report for Term	July 1 through June 30 Aug 01
TP-1 Select your Council's "Top Proposer"	Aug 15
1295 Semi-annual Council Audit Report	Aug 15
2629 Notice of Appointment of Round Table Coordinator	Sep 01
CR Official Order Form for Recorded Columbus Day Program	Sep 15
FT-KIT Free Throw Council Competition Order Kit	Nov 01
FT-1 Free Throw Championship Participation Report	Jan 31
4584 Partnership Profile Report	Jan 31
1728A Survey of Fraternal Activity Individual Member Report	As needed
1728 Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity Report	Jan 31
1295 Semi-annual Council Audit Report	Feb 15
2630 Annual Report Knights d Columbus Round Table	Jun 30
ABC/XXX RSVP Refund/Plaque Application	Jun 30
SP7 Columbian Award Application	Jun 30

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