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**Knights of Columbus**  
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# Independence Day July 4th

Welcome back Jeff Priorie thank  
you for your service.



Remember the sacrifices  
of those who fought to  
keep us free!

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## STATE DEPUTY

JIM NEFF

Dear Brother Knights:

It is a real delight and privilege to be able to announce in my first newsletter that your state officers will be meeting our long awaited and much prayed for new Shepherd, Bishop Anthony Taylor. Be assured we will pledge the support and partnership to Bishop Taylor that you provide daily to your local parishes at the council level. We are anxious to seek his guidance and direction and committed to earn his respect and support.

The week I spent in New Haven, Ct. was an intense presentation of the support, assistance and information available from Supreme. I am still very much in awe of the leadership qualities, intellectual capacities and vision of our Supreme Officers and Directors. Our \$70 billion company is very well managed and has a boundless, bright future. Our on-going support of Pope Benedict XVI and our church should instill great pride in all of us for the many contributions from each of our members. And let me assure each of you that the officers, directors and staff fully recognize that our accomplishments originate at the council level. Our councils remain the heart and soul of our Order!

As for the future of our Order in Arkansas, we are limited only by our imagination. New members are our life-blood and our service programs are the essence of who we are. Jim Palmer our Membership Chairman and James Cunningham our Program Director are passionate about both and realize that one cannot exist without the other. Under their leadership, we will offer the benefits of Columbianism to every eligible catholic man. Where but the Knights of Columbus can a catholic gentleman enhance his faith formation, provide financial security for his family in case of untimely death, partner with his parish and pastor, give back to his community, interface with other catholic families and develop life-long friendships with other catholic gentlemen?

The most common response most of us hear from a prospective new member is that he doesn't have time to join the Knights. None of us find extra time; we make time. I wonder how many "too busy" responses we'd get if we invited a prospective new member to pray the rosary and meet the membership before a business meeting.\* If the council had a regularly scheduled First Degree Exemplification, the prospect could stay and join the meeting as a new member. Bringing the candidates to regularly scheduled exemplifications requires the degree team to interface with and depend on the membership team and the services program team. Indeed, the whole council becomes a team with all pulling in the same direction. You don't say the rosary before a business meeting? Why not? Don't have a First Degree Team? Contact your District Deputy, Membership Chairman, Program Director or me for "Have Team, Will Travel".

I have challenged our newsletter editor, Brother John Hollender to solicit your ideas and suggestions to improve our newsletter so you will find it more informative and will look forward to its transmittal. One addition will be a "Knights in Action" column to recognize the efforts of our councils and individual members. A great example of this is the tornado cleanup efforts in the Clinton area provided by Hot Springs Village Council 10208. When I was in New Haven, State Deputy Phillip Barone of the Illinois Jurisdiction handed

me a check for \$5,000 for disaster relief in Arkansas. An appropriate thanks and acknowledgement of this generous gift would have been a recognition article in our newsletter of the initiative of our Hot Springs Village Brother Knights. Please help us develop the newsletter into what you want and need.

I would be remiss if I didn't try and acknowledge all the generous offers of support, but they have been so overwhelming that I am totally inept at expressing my gratitude. I am fully aware of the trust and confidence you have bestowed in me and I will exert all my energies to fulfill that trust and help us to become the best we can be. I would ask that we all strive for achieving the Columbian Award for each council as a minimum goal for this fraternal year and nurture the fact that success breeds success. I am quickly beginning to understand PSD David Witt's statement to me that his two years as State Deputy were the two most rewarding years of his life.

Sincerely in Christ, Jim Neff

\* Giving credit where credit is due, Field Agent Mike Gosnell advised me that G.K. Danny Kordsmeier of Council 04143 effectively increases council meeting attendance by phoning members and asking them to join their brothers in praying the rosary.

## **JULY DISABILITY NEWSLETTER**

**MICHAEL CRIMMINS**

With all the disasters in our Natural State during the past few months I am sure each of us has had our hands full helping neighbors, and others recover. In a few months the Knights of Arkansas will again be called upon to support the disability campaign as we have done in the past. Please establish your committee now if you have not already done so and plan your program.

My personal THANKS to all the councils who have worked the program in the past and a special THANKS to Council 09514 Bella Vista who raised the greatest amount of funds in our state \$9,103.46 and council 07258 Mena who's fund's raised per member, \$76.18 was the largest in the state. These two councils have shown continued strong support of the disability campaign and we look forward to there continue success with this worthwhile campaign.

But for the grace of GOD, there go I.

May I be of service?

## **MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR**

**ART BRANNEN**

"Thank you" for your support for the last two years as this will be my last news letter and "Congratulations" to Jim Palmer as he will be your new Membership Director. Arkansas had a great year (2006-07) as they received the Circle of Honor for membership. This year proved to also be a good year as we attained a positive position in membership as we have gained (260 new members) as of 1 June 2008. We lost (122 members) through suspensions which in my opinion could have been avoided by not letting delinquent members stay on the books for years. When you receive this newsletter the year will be over and the

results will be in. I can see where with a little more effort we could reach 100%. Here is a list of achievements for May 2008. Please let your GK's know we appreciate them.

.....	New
.....	Members
.....	for May 2008
<b>District 02</b> .....	<b>DD Frank Digaetano</b>
Council 01702 .....	1 ..... GK Kimbrough
Council 02857 .....	1 ..... GK Shilling
<b>District 03</b> .....	<b>DD Bill Berg</b>
Council 03998 .....	1 ..... GK Hill
<b>District 06</b> .....	<b>DD Walter Sheldon</b>
Council 12458 .....	1 ..... GK Viera
Council 13829 .....	2 ..... GK Mitchell
<b>District 08</b> .....	<b>DD Charles Bois</b>
Council 04143 .....	1 ..... GK Kordsmeier
<b>District 10</b> .....	<b>DD Newton White</b>
Council 06615 .....	1 ..... GK Durbin
<b>District 12</b> .....	<b>Dennis Crawford</b>
Council 04538 .....	1 ..... GK Goodwin

**STAR COUNCILS**

Council 00812 .....	GK Naegle
Council 12458 .....	GK Viera

**100% + MEMBERSHIP**

Council 00812 .....	175%
Council 06609 .....	140%
Council 06969 .....	200%
Council 07353 .....	100%
Council 07787 .....	220%
Council 10208 .....	100%
Council 11097 .....	120%
Council 11604 .....	228.5%
Council 12082 .....	140%
Council 12458 .....	320%
Council 12473 .....	160%
Council 14010 .....	120%

These should be Star Councils with help from Insurance memberships  
Vivat Jesus

**STATE FUNDRAISER CHAIRMAN**  
**GERALD KRAWCZYNSKI**

I am seeking ideas to stimulate the fund raising efforts this next fraternal year. The background information is: this past year we sent out 6,276 letters to the members and only 857 members responded with donations. This is a 13.6% response. The average donation was \$22.00. Also only 23 council and 8 assemblies responded. If we could get the response rate up to 18.6% (a 5% increase) we could take in another \$6900.00 (based on last year's average donation). How can we market the purpose of this fund raising campaign? Should we design a competitive/ incentive element between Districts? Or Councils? We should have a plan of action at the organizational meeting. I am open to your input. The resolve to pledge support of the Diocesan ministries is apparent however, we should collectively resolve to sell this more of the membership. Thank you for your response.

Fraternally,  
Gerald

Brother Gerald,

Great question! I'm not convinced our membership is that familiar with where the money is going, and suspect that a large number who donated did so either on blind faith or were better informed than some of the rest of us. I remember receiving the letter but didn't really understand the specifics.

Having said all that, the question seems to be how do we better communicate it? Would clear, concise information from the chairman in the state newsletter do more good than having our mug shots? Another example is having 20 of 22 seminarians covered by the RSVP program. My council was looking for a seminarian to sponsor and I don't think we even knew that Pete McNulty existed as Vocations Director. I would think our minimum goal should be at least one sponsor per seminarian but that is not attainable if we don't advise the councils and membership of the status.

This should have the added benefit of making our state newsletter more enjoyable and thus more read. That's what I meant Saturday by improving the newsletter to make it more readable. I really believe better communication and education would be much more effective than an incentive program but will support any well thought out approach.

I urge each of you to give Gerald and the rest of us your thoughts.

Blessings,  
Jim

## VOCATION CHAIRMAN

PETER McNULTY

My Brother Knights;

There is **good** news for our Diocese! Msgr. Scott Friend, the Diocesan Vocation Director has informed me that there will be **31** candidates in various seminaries this coming year. This really is glorious news for all members of the Diocese.

I had the privilege of attending Bishop Anthony's Ordination and installation and would like to report about some of our seminarians. The several seminarians that were in the ceremony were excellently prepared and I was pleased to meet several of them at the Bishop's reception. The enthusiasm and joy shone in each seminarian was very pleasing to see. Their apparent respect for Msgr. Friend was also indicative of their choice to enter the seminary and begin the journey towards the Priesthood.

The forthcoming year will require **ALL** Councils and Assemblies to consider a commitment to participate in the RSVP award program.

I have, as of June 10th, received reports from **8** Councils, reporting **12** seminarians supported and **3** Assemblies, reporting **4** seminarians supported. I do realize that the reports have until June 30<sup>th</sup> for submission. Prayerfully, more are in the mail!

Each Grand Knight and Faithful Navigator, hopefully, is in possession of KC pamphlet No. 4688-6/06 (RSVP). This pamphlet has an excellent explanation of the purpose and application of an RSVP award. If your Council or Assembly is aware of a seminarian or novice, you can make an award to them. If you do not know of one, I can provide you with names and data for your members to consider for an award. The Diocesan Vocation Director, Msgr. Friend, provides me with the list of seminarians each year. He provides this list so I can help coordinate the information as to whom the awards are made. Why? To help assure **ALL** of our seminarians receive some help. As an example: one seminarian, this past year, received **3** awards and at this writing, **2** received nothing! Several others received **2** awards. Each seminarian is worthy to share in the gifts. My assignment is to try and make that happen, and will, only with your cooperation help all these deserving seminarians and novices. My Brother Knights, please remember my opening joyful report – this year there will be **31** seminarians.

The year 2009 will be a monumental one for all of us! We will have Ordained **2** NEW PRIESTS to serve our Diocese of Little Rock, to bring to us the Body and Blood of Christ. Let us all be happy and celebrate these new gifts from their families and from God.

Please keep in your daily prayers, a prayer for each and all our seminarians and novices. May God's blessing be on us all always.

# District Deputy Corner

## **DISTRICT 01**

**LARRY LSKO**

**DISTRICT DEPUTY, DISTRICT 01**

No report this month.

## **DISTRICT 02**

**FRANKDIGAETANO**

**DISTRICT DEPUTY, DISTRICT 02**

No report this month.

## **DISTRICT 03**

**WILLIAM E. BERG JR.**

**DISTRICT DEPUTY, DISTRICT 03**

The Installation of Officers and Banquet will include Councils 02780 (Stuttgart) and 03998 (Slovak) and Assembly 2401 (Grand Prairie Assembly) at a single event on Friday June 27th at the K of C Hall in Stuttgart. The economy made us do it!! This way, Knights and their families need drive to a single event, jointly prepare one banquet, clean up the hall and get a babysitter for one evening.

Pine Bluff Installation is scheduled for July 21st. Lake Village will likely be July 10th.

## **DISTRICT 04**

**JAMES T. SMITH**

**DISTRICT DEPUTY, DISTRICT 04**

No report this month.

**DISTRICT 05**  
**ED ZACKER**  
**DISTRICT DEPUTY, DISTRICT 05**

No report this month.

**DISTRICT 06**  
**UNASSIGNED**  
**DISTRICT DEPUTY, DISTRICT 06**

No report this month.

**DISTRICT 07**  
**JIM PALMER**  
**DISTRICT 07, DISTRICT DEPUTY**

No report this month.

**DISTRICT 08**  
**CHARLES J. BOIS**  
**DISTRICT 08, DISTRICT DEPUTY**

**CHRISTIAN LADIES APPRECIATION DINNER**

May 21, 2008 was the night of the Christian Ladies Appreciation Dinner. We had a great turnout with around 88 ladies showing up for a delicious dinner of grilled chicken, mashed potatoes, broccoli and Texas toast. I would like to thank all of the Knights who came out to lend a hand in preparing this meal for the ladies.

**ST. JOSEPH BAZAAR**

Don't forget the St. Joseph Bazaar! Once again there will be the box lunches Friday July 25th. Email Barbara Kordsmeier at [bjkordsmeier@conwaycorp.net](mailto:bjkordsmeier@conwaycorp.net) to find out more information how your place of work can participate. It's the best lunch in town.

There will also be the Family style dinner Friday evening, make plans on bringing family and friends out to Parish Hall for the best dinner in town.

Bazaar Midway is August 1st and 2nd.

**COMMUNITY INFORMATION FROM 04143**

Hello,

I'm Carol Thomas; my husband is WT Thomas and a fellow Knight. I've worked at the Arkansas

Children's hospital in the clinical laboratory for the past 22 years. I want to thank you all for sponsoring the Red Cross donation drives and all those who donate the precious gift of life. The Red Cross supplies blood and blood products to all the area hospitals including Arkansas Children's Hospital. I would like to encourage all member Knights to come to the next blood drive and encourage everyone else to also come. According to the technical chief of our blood bank, ACH alone uses up to 700 units of blood a month that comes to roughly 8400 units in a year. Our precious little patients and the patients in all the area hospitals, who need blood, depend on the community to provide this gift. So please encourage everyone to come, especially all brother Knights to set an example and give the gift only we can give.

Thanks you,  
Carol Thomas

**DISTRICT 09**  
**CHARLES E. KUEHL,**  
**DISTRICT DEPUTY, DISTRICT 09**

No report this month.

**DISTRICT 10**  
**NEWTON WHITE**  
**DISTRICT DEPUTY, DISTRICT 10**

District 10 will host the Knights of Columbus 2009 State Convention April 17-20, 2009 in Hot Springs. The Arlington Hotel will be the convention hotel and we have 20 rooms reserved for Thursday evening, April 16 for the golfers. We have 100 rooms reserved for

Friday and Saturday. The room charges, including tax, are:

Single occupancy, King Bed, \$96.05

Double occupancy, King or two beds, \$107.35

Mineral water room bedroom facing Central Avenue with mineral bath water piped into the room, \$186.45

Junior Suite bedroom with small sitting area, larger than normal room with un-stocked wet bar, \$197.75

Parlor, largest of all rooms, bedroom and separate living room with two couches, un-stocked wet bar, mineral water bath, facing Central Avenue, \$254.75

Double Parlor, two bedrooms, living room with two couches, un-stocked wet bar, mineral water bath, facing Central Avenue, \$423.75

The golf outing will be at the Hot Springs Country Club at 8:30 AM on Friday, April 17. The charge will be approximately \$65.00 per person and the charge includes cart, range balls, and tax.

For the ladies, we have reserved an outing and lunch at beautiful Garvin Gardens on Saturday, April 19.

For the young people, we have locked in a price of \$28.59 per person (normally \$53.90) at Magic Springs for Saturday, April 19.

There are many other entertainment options available to us and many details will follow.

Newton White

**DISTRICT 11**  
**UNASSIGNED**  
**DISTRICT 11, DISTRICT DEPUTY**

No report this month.

**DISTRICT 12**  
**DENNIS N. CRAWFORD**  
**DISTRICT 12, DISTRICT DEPUTY**

No report this month.

**HORSESHOE BEND**  
**GOLF TOURNAMENT**  
**AUGUST 16, 2008**

Horseshoe Bend - Knights of Columbus Council 10493 will host its 5<sup>h</sup> annual Chuck Dennis Memorial Golf Tournament at Turkey Mountain Golf Course in Horseshoe Bend, Arkansas.

There will be a maximum of 36 teams, four person men and/or women's scramble, with \$180.00 fee per team. Proceeds help the Knights support charities in this area and the state of Arkansas.

Registration begins at 7:00 AM with a shotgun start at 8:00 AM. The number of entries determines the number of flights. Each flight will pay \$500.00 for first, \$350.00 for second and \$250.00 for third.

There will be additional 6 prizes for longest putts of \$50.00 each.

Rental golf carts will be available for \$12.00 per person.

Grilled burgers and brats will be available.

For information and entry blank call Dan Bye 870-670-5498 or Sonny Odom 870-670-5281 or Turkey Mountain Pro Shop 870-670-5252.

# Keep Christ In Christmas

St. Margaret Mary Council #1109† Algonquin, IL 60102• 847-380-2404

## **RE: Nativity Magnet– Silent Evangelization &an Outstanding Fundaiser**

We are sending this e-mail to invite you to help spread an important message about the Christmas season.

### **Keep Christ in Christmas**

Our Council here in the Chicago area launched an innovative program three years ago and we would like your Council to be part of the success in 2008. The "Keep Christ in Christmas" car magnets have become fixtures on vehicles around the country. Councils in all 50 states and in Canada have distributed thousands of these magnets since 2005, spreading this simple yet powerful message far and wide.

### **Silent Evangelization**

With all of the distractions of the season, it's the simple reminders that cause us to pause and reflect on our Savior's birth. As Knights and fellow Christians, we have developed a way to keep the focus of the Christmas Season on the true meaning of Christmas.....Christ!

### **An Outstanding Fund Raiser**

Councils, youth groups, Auxiliaries, Squires, and even other Christian denominations are using this program to raise funds and they are making their fall and winter activity plans right now!

We sell these magnets wholesale to Councils for only \$1.25 each in boxes of 200 (each magnet comes individually packaged for easy handling).

Last year, councils and youth groups were typically selling them for \$5.00 each at various church functions. A box of 200 is \$250 plus \$20 shipping/handling.

If you sell them for \$5 each, you raise over \$730 for every box you order!

**DON'T MISS OUT ON THE SUMMER/FALL FESTIVAL SEASONS!**

Place your order now in order to promote the program during your summer and fall festivals!  
We are ready to ship!

**Please visit our web site at [www.kcnativitysets.com](http://www.kcnativitysets.com)**



Size of the magnet is 6.25" X 7"

You may place your order online at the **FUNDRAISING ORDERS** tab on the website and make payment with a credit card or check via PayPal.

**Contact us with any questions at [magnets@kcnativitysets.com](mailto:magnets@kcnativitysets.com) or by calling at 847380-2404**

We would be happy to send you a sample so that you can see the finished product. Send us an e-mail to [magnets@kcnativitysets.com](mailto:magnets@kcnativitysets.com) with your name, council/organization, address, and telephone number so that we can send it out immediately

**Together we can put a reminder to Keep Christ in Christmas on a million cars and trucks!**

***Vivat Jesus!***

St. Margaret Mary Council #11091 Nativity Committee  
Email: [magnets@kcnativitysets.com](mailto:magnets@kcnativitysets.com)

***Print the attachment to this email and take it to your next council meeting for approval  
your council started on sharing this message!***

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## NOTICE:

Please try to send your newsletter reports and messages to John Hollender, Newsletter Editor, by July 18, 2008, for the August 2008 Newsletter.

## 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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