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STATE DEPUTY
JIM NEFF

Dear Brother Knights:

A warm welcome to our Brother Knights, 34 at Ft. Smith and 23 at Mountain Home, who came into full Knighthood when they did their 2nd and 3rd Degree on September 7th and 21st respectively. Thanks to all who were a part of these two exemplifications, and please continue these 3rd Degree members' journey by encouraging all eligible members to go to Jonesboro on November 8 for their Fourth Degree.

Perhaps one new Third Degree member said it best by conveying his emotions, and I'm sure the emotions of many others, in an email: "I would like to thank you for a very moving ceremony which I shall never forget and always cherish. I am proud to be associated with such a dedicated and sincere group of men". So am I and I submit that this is the best evaluation our Conway 2nd and 3rd Degree Team, led by Don Moix, could receive!

In the spirit of the above quote, let's get excited about new members by seeking out and offering the advantages of Columbianism to all catholic men. Membership is the life blood of our Order and if we are not growing, we become stagnant. If we have a plan for attainment of our service programs (Columbian Award), men will want to become a part of our "dedicated and sincere group of men". Membership attainment (McGivney Award) is the second step to Star Council at the council level and the Circle of Honor for the Arkansas Jurisdiction. There is no feeling of accomplishment or exhilaration equal to recruiting a new member.

Our Supreme Knight Carl Anderson has sent out a request to all Grand Knights to appoint an **Election Day Turnout** coordinator for each council. "He should be responsible for organizing and coordinating transportation efforts on Election Day, and will serve as your council's contact person. Next, sign up volunteers for Election Day among your council members, and have someone on call to provide transportation during the entire time the polls are open in your community." Please step up to support your G.K. and volunteer to assist in getting the word out via the pulpit, email, web site, newsletter, etc.

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Thanks to all the councils and assemblies who have responded to the RSVP Program by sponsoring a seminarian. Please advise our Worthy Vocations Director Peter McNulty of your sponsorships or intentions to sponsor. With just a few more councils and assemblies stepping up to the plate, I hope to report all 29 seminarians will be sponsored at least once by our November newsletter.

RSVP, Election Day Turnout, Persons With Intellectual Disabilities and the many other things the Knights of Columbus will be doing in October are visible reasons for catholic men to want to join our Order. Don't be bashful or silent. Carry a Form 100 with you and ask someone to become a Brother Knight.

Vivat Jesus

DISABILITY PROGRAM

OCTOBER 13-19 2008

MIKE CRIMMINS

The mailing for our state disability program to all Grand Knights was made in August. If you have not received the information, please let me know and I will resend. October 13-19 are the dates and all that remains now is a successful campaign.

YOU and YOUR council can only bring that about. There is only one way for that to happen. That is with a successful program from EVERY council in the great state of Arkansas.

Is your program planned? Has the schedule been set? If not then now is the time to complete your plan and implement it.

If you plan on ordering from the Tootsie Roll Company candy or aprons you must let me know so I can send you an order form.

I am asking each District Deputy to work with all of their councils in setting up a program and working it.

If I can be of help let me know. Thanks for your support in the past and now I am again asking for your continued support this year.

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VOCATION CHAIRMAN

PETER McNULTY

My Brother Knights;

I, along with about 20 others, had a most enjoyable luncheon with two of our seminarians, James Melick and Eddie D'Almeida. The occasion was in preparation for being with them at their Ordination to Transitional Deacon on October 9th in Rome.

To see the desire to serve God as they spoke was most encouraging for the future of our Church. All of the seminarians I have had the privilege of meeting with, have a great sense of their faith and their calling.

In this newsletter, I am going to review how our state is performing in relation to the RSVP.

Following is a list of Councils and Assemblies that **are participating** in the RSVP, as determined by **their reports** to the State Vocation Chairman:

COUNCILS

00812	Little Rock
01713	Paragould
02650	Texarkana
05209	Morrilton
06253	North Little Rock
06398	Russellville
07258	Mena
07353	Mountain Home
08815	Fairfield Bay
10908	St. Vincent
10208	Springdale
11604	Jacksonville
12458	Bentonville
13829	Siloam Springs

ASSEMBLIES

1703	Conway
1783	Bella Vista
1892	Hot Springs
2116	Fairfield Bay
2316	Hot Springs Village
2642	Jacksonville

If your council or assembly is not listed above and you awarded an RSVP to someone, you need to send me your RSVP recipient's name! WHY? So that we Knights can work with the Diocese to better support all of the seminarians and you can see if the seminarian you supported is listed below. If he is, that means he has more than one (1) award and someone else is not being supported.

The following list is of those seminarians who are SUPPORTED:

G. ALEGRIA
P. BLEVINS
T. BUI
E. CASTRO
R. CIGAINERO
E. D'ALMEIDA
R. GARDUNIO
J. GUIDO
D. KETCHER
S. KLATT
J. MELNICK
A. PUELLO
T. ROBBINS
J. SHARBAUGH
J. STENGLE

The following list is of those seminarians NOT SUPPORTED:

J. ARCHIBONG
M. CARRASCO
J. DELAPAZ
S. GADBERRY
A. HART
J. HART
M. JOHN'S
J. MANJERREZ
D. MORA
M. OLVERA*
L. PACHECO
V. QUINTEROS
M. SIEBOLD*
F. WILLBROD*

* indicates seminarian is now being considered by councils.

When you count those supported vs. those NOT supported, you will find 15 are and 14 are not.

My Brother Knights, you and I know we can do better. Please, let us all get involved. I feel sure that with a little more effort, we can have ALL seminarians supported by the holy season of Christmas. That would be a great gift to the Church - - - what do you all think???

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PENNIES FROM HEAVEN IN ACTION

JIM NEFF

Chairman Oz Barclay:

I met Brother Richard Fischer from Council 12458 at the District 6 Training session this afternoon in Bentonville. He asked me to convey his admiration and appreciation for your rapid response to his request to assist Wally's son. He mentioned that he had not experienced this type of empathy and concern in the past.

I commend your dedication and commitment to the Knights of Columbus. You set the example and the height of the bar for the rest of us to emulate. This single compliment from Brother Fischer made the three hour trip back to Mountain Home much shorter than the trip out to Bentonville. Thank you for all you do.

Blessings and warmest regards, Jim

Vivat Jesus

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Sent: Sunday, September 14, 2008 1:34 PM

Subject: Pennies From Heaven

Dudley

Attached is the letter of approval for you to prepare a voucher in the amount of \$300.00 Dollars from The Pennies From Heaven account for Mark Morgan, State Treasurer, to write a check payable to Wally Sheldon for his son, Peter, who was riding a quad ATV and was struck by a pickup truck.

The check is to be mailed to Richard W. Fischer, Financial Secretary, 4 Coldstream Circle, Bella Vista, AR, 72715 for presentation to Brother Sheldon.

Richard Fischer is to notify Ozro N Barclay. (ob524@suddenlink.net) as to the date he receives the check and the date it is presented.

PENNIES FROM HEAVEN
OZRO N. BARCLAY

Worthy District Deputies, Worthy Grand Knights, Financial Secretaries, Brothers All

I am puzzled as to why the message of the State Pennies From Heaven Fund is not getting around this State. I know that the tasks of the offices we hold are many and in many cases, are in addition to the responsibilities of earning an income to support our families. But just take time out for about five minutes and try to put yourself in the position of a member of your community who has just suffered a total loss of his house by fire, a horrible accident to a member of the household that is causing extreme loss of immediate money, a young child that must need constant hospitalization or operations one after another that the parents Medical insurance is overwhelmed and the Family needs money for food or household expenses, almost anything that has occurred to a member, his family or someone in your community that can use a "helping hand" immediately.

All it takes is the Grand Knight being apprised of the situation, an e-mail to me giving the circumstances for the request of funds, to whom should we make the check payable and the correct mailing address of the Grand Knight (or his delegate) who will present the check. As soon as this e-mail is received by me, an e-mail with my recommendation will be sent to the State Deputy for his approval. In the meantime a letter of approval will be prepared to forward to the State Secretary and the State Treasurer .As soon as the State Deputy approves the request, the letter of approval is e-mailed out to the aforementioned State Officers. A copy of this letter of approval is also forwarded by e-mail to the Grand Knight (or his delegate) with instructions to respond to this office when the check is received and presented.

In most cases, this all takes place in less time than it took to write this article. In case there are questions to clarify the request, a Telephone call will be made to the Grand Knight. In the possible occasion that the request is turned down an explanation will be given.

My Brothers, Go out into your council and community, sow these seeds of Charity, and see might grow from your act. The least that will happen is a feeling of God's gratitude for you being a "Good Samaritan".

Ozro N. Barclay, Director
Pennies From Heaven Fund
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STATE FAMILY DIRECTOR

FRANCISCO OLGUIN

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to all my Brother Knights, my name is Francisco Olguin, Deputy Grand Knight for Divine Mercy Council Number 13829 St. Mary's Church in Siloam Springs, and I have the great honor of being the State Family Director.

I have a few words to address all council Family Directors and Brother Knights; Let us not forget the survivors of our departed brothers; we need to include them in as many of our functions as possible. Keep them in our thoughts and in our hearts as we embark on our endeavors. Remember, their sons may one day be potential Knights.

Please continue with the Knight of the Month program and if you don't have one, do start one. My council has 35 members and only 18 active ones that will attend fallouts. Being such a small council we decided to initiate a Knight of the Quarter program to recognize our hard working and devoted brothers, so far we have had 2 successful quarters and it seems to fire up the rest of the council.

Please feel free to contact me at my E-mail address; frank.olguin@yahoo.com should you have any questions, suggestions or ideas as how I may better serve you.

Vivat Jesus!
Francisco Olguin
State Family Director

MEMBERSHIP RETENTION

PHIL HAHN

STATE RETENTION DIRECTOR

Speaking with Grand Knights and Financial Secretaries I have come across some interesting questions or problems regarding delinquent members. Some Financial Secretaries may be unaware the procedure for a withdrawal card was changed a few years ago. New Form 100 (green) Membership Applications no longer carry a check box for withdrawal.

First, a member seeking a withdrawal card need not be a member whose dues are paid up to date. Secondly, he must initiate the request by letter either to the Financial Secretary who will forward it on to the Supreme Office or may mail it directly to the Supreme Office. Supreme will also accept an email from the member's computer. He must include his membership number in the letter. Supreme will notify the Council of this action. This does not count toward your dreaded suspension total. Once applied by Supreme, the member's length of continued service is broken.

Thus, consider this for an elderly member who has served 20 or more continuous years. To suspend or suggest he take a withdrawal card will break many years of continuous service whereas, suggest he pay now in order to shortly receive his Honorary or Life Membership. If he is unable or unwilling, consider

carrying him for a year or two. He may thank you for this act of generosity and kindness. He may also become active again.

We have all dealt with elderly members who have moved away to other states and then we send the dues notice, our only form of communication, and there is no reply or the notice comes back stamped moved or undeliverable. Did he die? You can now check. The Supreme Membership Department Representative I spoke with said you can get info from the internet by dialing www.ssdi.rootsweb.ancestry.com. Info may be obtained by name, Social Security Number, date of birth, or other form of info.

Have a question, or a problem regarding possible suspensions? Contact me. I will try to give you an answer or find the answer. You don't want to suspend if a member can be saved or he can be stricken from your roll without suspension.

Phil Hahn, State Retention Director

**REPORT OF THE STATE PROGRAM/COMMUNITY DIRECTOR
OCTOBER 2008
JAMES W. CUNNINGHAM, JR.**

The month of October is so very special for many reasons. Columbus Day, Oktoberfest fun, beautiful fall colors and Halloween just to name a few. We Knights of Columbus enjoy all this for sure but, we must also, in all honesty, turn a serious and often tearful eye to a cause greater than self interest. This, like other Octobers since 1973, is "Respect Life Month". What does that mean to you and me? Does it mean anything at all or is it just some words on a page, platitudes that are of no importance or consequence? I don't think so and I hope you don't either.

The consequence of ignoring the almost 50 million lost innocent souls who would otherwise be the rightful heirs of the United States of America is a dereliction of honor and duty, a disgrace and scandal worthy only of a millstone necklace and a place at the bottom of the sea. I didn't say that, Jesus did. I have a strong feeling that when we meet Him face to face that subject will be inescapable.

The Financial Secretaries of every Knights of Columbus Council have received a Pro-Life Packet which they will hand to their Grand Knight for presentation through the Program Director and Community Director to the Council's Pro-Life Chair-Couple. This thought provoking material will help your Council Members form a Catholic Conscience and an understanding of what we as citizens and Catholic Gentlemen should be most concerned with. Are we not a people of Life or is there something of greater value? I, for one, can think of no greater value in this world.

I have heard that voting against a pro-life candidate can be justified if a proportional and grave moral matter exists. Please, tell me what is more important than the killing of a million and a half innocent babies every single year in this great country. This is, after all, something that Jesus just might ask us some day and for some of us sooner rather than later.

The Fourth Degree of our Order is leading the way in spreading the "Vote Pro-Life Message" and I ask you to hear that clarion call. Together we can and will save the innocent and right the wrong. After all, we are the Knights of Columbus and we can do nothing less. Please pray for justice to be served and life to be preserved and respected from conception to our natural death.

Vivat Jesus
James W. Cunningham, Jr.
State Program/Community Director
Vote Pro-Life

FOURTH DEGREE NEWS

MAX W. NUTT
MASTER OF ARKANSAS

I thank all of you that have expressed your support and congratulations to me on my appointment as master of Arkansas. I would like to congratulate Fr. Davis as being appointed District Friar of Arkansas by Bishop Taylor. I am proud to have Fr. Davis as District Friar.

As you may have heard also is at the Supreme Convention in August, the 4th degree, pledged to raise \$500,000 to help pay for the beautiful mosaic in the Basilica of the Natural Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC. We are asking all 4th degree members to help in this by giving three dollars (\$3.00) each. Each assembly is asked to please take care of helping us reach our goal of \$5,286 for the State of Arkansas. Our membership is 1,762 members at three dollars each. If any can give more than three dollars it will help us make up for some that may not give. Thank you in advance for your help in this.

Again thanks for all the good work you do for the Knights of Columbus. A special thanks to all the 4th degree members of the honor guard. They make us proud to be Sir Knights, especially at the funeral services of our deceased members.

As you have heard we are having a 4th degree exemplification in Jonesboro on November 8th. We need your help in getting Candidates for that day to make this an impressive degree in honor of Bishop Taylor and increase our membership numbers.

4TH DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION EXEMPLIFICATION

The next 4th Degree Exemplification will be held in Jonesboro on Saturday, November 8th. It is in honor of our new Bishop, Anthony B. Taylor. Unfortunately, the Bishop has another commitment and will not be able to attend.

THE SCHEDULE FOR THE 4TH DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION IS AS FOLLOWS:
REGISTRATION AND LIGHT LUNCH — 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM — COUNCIL HALL, 1103 HIGHLAND DRIVE
PREPARATION FOR CEREMONY — 1:30 PM
EXEMPLIFICATION — 2:00 PM
GROUP PHOTO — 4:30 PM
MASS — 5:30 PM — BLESSED SACRAMENT CHURCH
SOCIAL (AFTER MASS) — 614 S. CHURCH STREET
BANQUET — 7:00 PM
LADIES ACTIVITY — 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Candidates Fee is \$70.00. Check and Form-4 (blue) Application needed by November 4th. If candidate is a Knight for more than six months but less than one year a waiver is needed.

Form-4 and \$70.00 check need by October 27th for Master to request waiver. Banquet for non-candidate is \$20.00 per person. Check needed by November 4th. Banquet menu will be a steak dinner with potatoes and green beans, salad, roll and butter, drink and dessert.

All men attending the Exemplification (4th Degree only) are to be dressed in black tux and black accessories. Banquet dress is a suit (for non-4th Degree members) and proper attire for the ladies.

Send all forms and checks to Former Master Phil Hahn at 121 Oak St., Mountain Home, AR 72653. For other info or if you have a question email Phil Hahn at pghahn@suddenlink.net or call 870-425-3823 (home - call after 6:30 PM).

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ANNUAL PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES DINNER

DANIEL C. BYE

GRAND KNIGHT

The Knights of Columbus of Horseshoe Bend Council Number 10493 will host the Annual Persons with Disabilities Dinner from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM, Wednesday, October 8th, at St. Mary's Church Hall, corner of Highway 289 and Church Street. The very best Bratwurst Dinner in IZARD County, including, coffee or tea and desert for a donation of \$7.00. Proceeds will go to the Network of Community Options Handicap School of Highland and the New Beginnings Pregnancy Center in Ash Flat. Also a Silent Auction with some great items. Come and enjoy a great dinner and support very needy charities.

For more info call Daniel C. Bye, Grand Knight, Council Number 10493 at 870-670-5498.

NOTICE:

Please try to send your newsletter reports and messages to John Hollender, Newsletter Editor, by October 19, 2008, for the November 2008 Newsletter. Please e-mail to johnh911@conwaycorp.net.

Reports Due

FORM	REPORT	DUE BY
1295-1	SEMIANNUAL COUNCIL AUDIT REPORT	15-Aug
1295-2	SEMIANNUAL COUNCIL AUDIT REPORT	15-Feb
1598	FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP SCORE SHEET	AS NEEDED
1728	INDIVIDUAL MEMBER WORKSHEET ANNUAL SURVEY OF FRATERNAL ACTIVITY REPORT	31-Jan
1728A	SURVEY OF FRATERNAL ACTIVITY INDIVIDUAL MEMBER WORKSHEET	AS NEEDED
1831	RELIEF FROM COUNCIL DUES AND PER CAPITA TAXES	AS NEEDED
185	REPORT OF OFFICERS CHOSEN FOR TERM JULY 1-JUNE 30	1-Jul
1993A	FAMILY OF THE MONTH GENERIC REPORT FORM	AS NEEDED
2629	NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF ROUND TABLE COORDINATOR	1-Sep
2630	ANNUAL REPORT KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ROUND TABLE	30-Jun
2863	RSVP REFUND/PLAQUE APPLICATION	30-Jun
2935	COLUMBIAN SQUIRES INQUIRY KIT ORDER FORM	AS NEEDED
365	SERVICE PROGRAM PERSONNEL REPORT FOR THE TERM JULY 1-JUNE 30	1-Aug
4001	SUBSTANCE ABUSE AWARENESS POSTER CONTEST PARTICIPATION FORM	31-Jan
4348	YOUTH LEADER	AS NEEDED
4371	FATHER PRIOR	AS NEEDED
4567	SOCCER CHALLENGE PARTICIPATION REPORT FORM	1-Dec
4584	PARTNERSHIP PROFILE REPORT WITH SPECIAL OLYMPICS	31-Jan
532	REQUISITION FOR FIRST DEGREE CEREMONIALS	AS NEEDED
CR	OFFICIAL ORDER FORM FOR RECORDED COLUMBUS DAY PROGRAM	15-Sep
EA-Kit	ESSAY CONTEST KIT ORDER FORM	AS NEEDED
FT- 1	FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP PARTICIPATION REPORT	31-Jan
FT-KIT	FREE THROW COUNCIL COMPETITION KIT ORDER FORM	1-Nov
SA-KIT	SUBSTANCE ABUSE AWARENESS POSTER CONTEST KIT ORDER FORM	1-Sep
SC-KIT	SOCCER CHALLENGE KIT ORDER FORM	15-Aug
SP-7	COLUMBIAN AWARD APPLICATION	30-Jun
STSP	STATE COUNCIL SERVICE PROGRAM AWARDS ENTRY FORM	AS NEEDED

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