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Brother Knights All:

FROM THE HUMBLEST OF PLACES CAME THE GREATEST OF JOYS!

Carolyn and I extend our wishes for the peace and joy of Christmas to all brother knights, your ladies and your families. Let us rejoice in our many blessings and approach the Christmas season with renewed determination for peace and good will. Even in these troubling economic times, we are blessed with our faith, families and friends which sustain us far above our material needs.

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I would like to acknowledge some special accomplishments for the first five months of our fraternal year. First is the sponsorship of each of our twenty nine seminarians via the RSVP program managed by Vocations Director Peter McNulty. Brother Peter worked closely with Msgr. Scott Friend to ensure each seminarian was sponsored at least once. It is my understanding that Arkansas has more seminarians per catholic resident than any other state, and I trust you join me in welcoming the opportunity to sponsor up to nine additional seminarians next year. How better can we support our church?

Persons with Intellectual Disabilities Director Mike Crimmins finishes his last year in January and I have every confidence we will achieve record participation. We owe Brother Mike a large measure of gratitude for reviving the interest in this program with such great tradition. Mike has volunteered an orderly transfer and training of our new director for next year. If you have a burning desire to leave your mark as that new director, please contact me. Thanks Mike for your love of and dedication to the Knights of Columbus

A big welcome goes to Marti and Jon Haslauer as our new Pro-Life Couple replacing Martha and Jimmie Rogers. Jimmie has some personal health issues that required him to resign. Please keep Brother Jimmie in your prayers. Marti and Jon are very much involved in LIFE issues and you will see an increased focus in this area. One area we will get up and running is the "Voice for the Unborn" program where Supreme and the Arkansas Jurisdiction split the cost of ultrasound machines for pregnancy centers. Once

an expectant mother sees a picture of her baby, the statistics are extremely high that she decides to carry the baby to term. Our State Family Director, Francisco Olguin, State Council Director, Larry Lisko, and State Community Director and State Program Director, James Cunningham, are already involved with the Pro-Life Team. I would encourage all to plan now to participate in the March for Life and Mass at the Little Rock Convention Center on Sunday, January 18.

As much praise that can rightly be placed on Brothers Peter, Mike, Jimmie, Jon, Francisco, Larry, James and Ladies Martha and Marti, the real **heroes** of our success remain the Brother Knights who participate. He makes the motion that his council or assembly sponsor a seminarian, he helps organize and distributes the Tootsie Rolls, he is tuned into his community and encourages the Grand Knight to use Pennies from Heaven, he strives for excellence as a member of the First Degree Team, he makes the time to participate in Right to Life activities and among many, many, many other activities, he consistently asks other catholic gentlemen to join our Order by word and deed. Our **heroes** are why we are all so proud to be members of the Knights of Columbus.

Again, have a blessed and joyful Christmas filled with peace and happiness.

Blessings,

Jim Neff

Vivat Jesus

DISABILITY DRIVE

MIKE CRIMMINS

As of November 4th I have reports from 8 councils. They are:

Council	01713
Council	06253
Council	07258
Council	07353
Council	09514
Council	10208
Council	10493
Council	12458

Total collections from these 8 councils total \$27,323 this year compared to last year from the same councils of \$28,182.00.

This is \$1,859.00 less but considering the world financial troubles a tremendous effort on their part. I still believe we as a state can make up the difference in totals if each and every council works the disability program in one form or another. PLEASE do your part to make this state program a success. All proceeds received by the end of December this year will count.

I also want to take this time to again say thank you to all the councils and brother knights who give their time and energy for this great program. THANK YOU.

May I be of service?

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FAMILY EVENTS FOR 2009
JOHN HERTZOG – COUNCIL 11604
RON GRAFFE – COUNCIL 00812

The Knights of Columbus in Central Arkansas are planning two outstanding **FAMILY** events this Spring and Summer. On Saturday March 28, 2009, we have reserved 100 tickets to attend the Arkansas Twister Arena Football game at 7:00 PM. For the \$5.00 cost of a ticket there will be **FREE** Hot Dogs & Drinks served before the game between 5:00 and 6:00 PM. We need to sell 100 tickets to make this happen. Put this on your planning calendar now!

Again, on Sunday June 7, 2009, we have reserved one of the picnic areas at Dickey Stevens Field in North Little Rock for an Arkansas Travelers baseball game at 2:00 PM in the afternoon. For as little as \$14.00 you get a reserved seat ticket and all the Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Chips, Baked Beans, Tea & Sodas you could ever eat or drink. We have reserved 100 tickets for this event as well. Our seats are right next to the Beer Garden! Come join us for **FUN!**

For more information, contact either Ron Grafe, Council 00812 at 501-227-5546 Home, 501-562-6698 Work, 501-920-4240 Cell or Email: dr-lunge@swbell.net OR John Hertzog, Council 11604 at 501-843-8251 Home, 501-987-3405 Work, 501-454-0945 Cell or Email: hertzog@centurytel.net. Don't get shut out reserve your tickets today. God Bless you.

RETENTION
PHIL HAHN, PSD, FM

Brother Knights,

Retention is as important to Supreme as is Membership gain. In fact, you cannot have a gain, or your gain is less, if you lose members. Thus there are records kept and distributed monthly to State and District officers showing not only membership gross gain and net gain but also percentages of net gain. The Fr. McGivney and Founders Awards are based upon net gain. Thus it behooves a council to work together as a team to retain members.

And now the cycle begins again. In December or early January dues notices will be mailed to members owing dues. Financial Secretaries know the routine. It is clearly explained in the Financial Secretary's Handbook. Some Grand Knights may not have previously been Financial Secretaries and may not know the procedure. I encourage you to learn it, or review it again. Work with your Financial Secretary and follow the procedures as suggested in the handbook. Know that after the Knight Alert the Grand Knight is to meet with the Retention Chairman and work out a way of contacting each delinquent member. (Note: Form 365: Service Program Personnel Report does have a location to list your Retention Chairman. Supreme does want this position filled.)

The Retention Chairman is to report back to the Grand Knight regarding his successful or unsuccessful contact with the delinquent member. The report should state how attempt was made, and how many times. If contact was successful, the report should state why the member wants to leave. Can this problem be resolved to satisfy both council and member? This is what the retention committee members should learn.

If necessary, the Intent to Suspend is sent. Note one copy to the member, one copy to the council, one copy to the District Deputy, one copy to the State Deputy. The District Deputy is to contact the individual and the State Deputy is to write to him. The District Deputy is to report back to the State Deputy his effort to retain the member. Be sure you follow these guidelines as established by the Supreme Council.

The Mid-year meeting will be held in Morrilton on Dec. 13. Retention, membership, and other topics of interest and vital to council advancement will be discussed with the District Deputies. They are to then set up District Meetings with the Grand Knight, Financial Secretary, Program Chairman, and any other interested officer or chairman from each council in the district. Reach for the STAR! That is the goal of all of us. We are a team. We have to work as a team, with each doing his part. Hope you make STAR!

May you, who read this, your wives and families, and all members of your council or assembly have a blessed and joyful Christmas and a happy and healthy new year.

PENNIES FROM HEAVEN

OZRO N. BARCLAY

We are rapidly approaching not only the Christmas Season when we think of gathering around our family and friends, enjoying the traditional Christmas dinner, going to Midnight Mass, presenting gifts to our family, thanking our God for giving his greatest gift of all, to all mankind and that is his Son, Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

As we prepare for all these festivities, let us look around and find that individual or family whether in our council, our parish, our community, whether Catholic or not, that has suffered a disaster of some nature, It might be a total fire, a sudden disabling accident or sickness, or a similar incident that has caused a sudden loss of income and the bills are piling up and there is no one to help. This is the time when you contact your Grand Knight and ask if there is any way help may be provided, to give a "helping Hand".

Even if your council is unable to help, all it does take is an e-mail or letter to the State Pennies From Heaven Director stating all the facts and an immediate Check could be on its way to show, yes there is someone who cares and that is a Knight of Columbus.

My wife and I wish all of you and your Families a very joyous and loving Christmas Season, and pray that Our Lord, Jesus Christ, will live in your hearts forever, keeping you and yours safe from harm. Amen.

Ozro N. Barclay
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PROGRAM DIRECTOR AND COMMUNITY DIRECTOR

DECEMBER 2008

JAMES W. CUNNINGHAM, JR.

May I take this opportunity to wish all of you, my lords and ladies, the sincerest wishes for a **Most Holy and Blessed Christmas?** The joy and gift which is Jesus the Christ has come to heal the nations and light our way from the darkness of ignorance and sin to the brilliance and glory of righteous truth and salvation.

We can hope and pray that our peoples and nation will hear the clarion song of the angels of **“Peace on Earth to Men of Good Will”**. But, reality and experience tells us that not all are listening and of all the many who are called only a few will be chosen. So it is no wonder that the world finds itself in war and economic chaos with floods and fires and hunger after 2000 years of Christ’s Holy Gospel. This is, after all, not our true home but, a place where we occupy ourselves preparing for our reunion with our Creator and loving Father.

The Knights’ first principle is that of Charity and this is the greatest of virtues for it will last forever. How thankful I am for the **Knights of Columbus** and its mission to love and serve the Christ child’s Holy Church. How good it is to be a part of the Venerable Fr. McGivney plan of holy service to the least among us. Yes, there will always be the poor and needy but, also the opportunity to serve and protect the innocent unborn who need our love and protection from the darkness of evildoers.

The New Year approaches and with it a greater challenge to stand ready and strong. Let our first concern be the defense of the defenseless babes in the womb and regardless of the political and economic winds forge ahead with courage in the footsteps of Jesus Our Lord and Sovereign King.

Glory to God in the Highest!

Vivat Jesus

James W. Cunningham, Jr.
State Program Director
State Community Director

VOCATIONS CHAIRMAN

PETER McNULTY

My Brother Knights – I am most pleased to report that with the cooperation of an increased participation of councils and assemblies, we have provided an RSVP award to **ALL** our seminarians this year. Thank all of you for your generous endeavors.

Let us all pray for the continued guidance and support of the Holy Spirit during their road to Ordination.

Msgr. Friend informed me, as per my recent meeting with him, that at the present time he is very sure of **6** new candidates and the possibility of **9**. We are looking at a steady contribution of new priests to serve our Diocese.

This good news for our Diocese, presents to us Knight, a necessary review by all our councils and assemblies of all our efforts to support even more, our deserving seminarian candidates. When we start our 2009 class support, as I mentioned before, a closer coordination between you all and the State Vocations chairman will be of the utmost importance in accomplishing our goal of support: to **EACH** seminarian an RSVP award **BEFORE** we have any duplicate award going to any one seminarian.

We are about to enter the Holy Season of Christmas; my wife, Bette, and I want to wish you and your families a very blessed Christmas and a Happy and prosperous New Year. At this time of year keep in mind, in your daily prayers, all of our seminarians and all our service men and women who daily make their sacrifice to provide us with the ability to live in safety and freedom to celebrate Christmas and freely practice our Faith.

May God Bless America and all it stands for: The right to life, liberty and happiness for all.

FOURTH DEGREE

MAX W. NUTT

MASTER OF ARKANSAS

A special thanks to all that had a part in the 4th degree exemplification on November 8, 2008, at Jonesboro. Faithful Navigator Cliff Quick and his assembly did a great job of preparing for the degree. A special thanks also to former Master Phil Hahn and all the degree team. The degree teams give a lot of their time in practice and putting on the degree and I certainly appreciate all their efforts. A total of 25 new sir knights have been added to our state roll and I congratulate and welcome each of them to our patriotic degree.

I have asked A.J. Hambuchen of Assembly 1703 in Conway to serve as state coordinator for the Dome fund which Supreme Council has asked the 4th degree to contribute \$500,000. We realize some have already contributed. AJ will be sending out information on this fund and we hope all 4th degree members will help us meet our goal for Arkansas of \$5286.00.

Our goal for membership growth this year is 172. After the 25 new members you can see we still have a long way to go to meet that goal. We are planning an exemplification in Hot Springs Village in March, 2009 and one in Ft. Smith on April 25, 2009, and Conway possibly on May 30, 2009. Please help us get more third degree members to become 4th degree members.

On behalf of my wife Juanita and me we wish each of you and your family a very Blessed Christmas season.

GOOD OF THE ORDER
PLEASE REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR PRAYERS.
BOB PETERS, PSD, FVSM

Keep your requests coming.

GAYLE PLAISANCE WIFE OF PGK EMILE PLAISANCE

We just received news that Gayle Plaisance, wife of a Hot Springs Village Past Grand Knight died this morning in Louisiana. She was at the past conventions when Emile was Grand Knight of the Hot Springs Village Council. Services will be in Louisiana with a memorial service here in the Village at a later date.

Please remember Gayle and her family in your prayers.

Thanks, Lee Borne, PSD

GEORGE KHOURY

Many of you knew George Khoury, a long time member of Father James P. McDonnell Council 06253 and St. Joseph Assembly.

George died Wednesday, November 19, 2008.

Rosary was held at 7:00 PM, Friday, November 21, 2008, at North Little Rock Funeral Home.

Mass of Christian Burial was at 11:00 AM, Saturday, November 22, 2008, St. Patrick's Catholic Church with burial in Calvary Cemetery.

Please keep Sir Knight George and his family in your prayers.

Fraternally,
John F. Hart

KEITH BOGARD

I would like to add my Sister-in-law Susan Bogard and her husband Keith to the prayer list. Keith "threw a blood clot" yesterday and it made it to his brain. He is in intensive care in Dallas, under heavy sedation.

Mark Springer
Little Rock Council 00812

CLEM KORDSMEIER

Just to let you know we need to pray for Clem Kordsmeier a 4th Degree Member of the Fr Lachowsky Assembly 1703, Conway. He has had some seizures and was in the hospital Sunday. Now at home resting and awaiting results of test.

Please keep Clem and his family in your prayers; he is a long time member of the Conway Assembly.

Fraternally Yours
Mike Gosnell, Faithful Navigator

DAVID FRITZ

Request that David Fritz of Council 07353 and assembly 2060 be kept in your prayers. David had an operation on Friday during which about 2/3rds inches of the colon was removed. He will remain in Baxter Regional Hospital in Mountain Home about 7 to 10 days more. He is awaiting the results of the lab tests to determine if it was cancer.

Ozro N. Barclay, Grand Knight

MONSIGNOR RUDOLPH EMIL MAUS

Monsignor Rudolph Emil Maus, 93, a resident of Russellville, died Thursday, November 13, 2008, at Saint Mary's Regional Medical Center.

He was born into a farm family on June 27, 1915, at Atkins to Mathias and Mary Suhm Maus and was the eighth of twelve children. He entered St. John Home Mission Seminary in Little Rock in 1929 at the

age of 14 and was ordained a Roman Catholic priest in 1939. During his ministry, Monsignor Maus was a pastor, professor, athletic director, spiritual director, college chaplain, and a diocesan consultor.

His first assignment after ordination was as a professor at Catholic High School. In 1945, he became pastor of St. Anne's mission in Russellville, where he built a new church which is the present St. John's. Across the river in Dardanelle, he purchased a sizeable tract of land for St. Augustine's mission, now a parish. The St. John's building that was constructed in 1950 remains in service today as a chapel and pastor's residence. It has been complemented with several additions and new construction projects over the years. Also during Monsignor Maus' tenure, St. John's Catholic School was begun, first at Dardanelle and then moving to Russellville.

He has served as Spiritual Director of St. John's Seminary and Assistant Chaplain of the Newman Club at the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville. He was administrator of Christ the King Church in Fort Smith, Pastor of St. Theresa's Church in Little Rock, Diocesan Consultor, and Pastor of St. Joseph's Church in Fayetteville. He was appointed a Prelate of Honor by Pope John Paul II in 1983 with the title of Monsignor. Following his retirement in 1993, he returned to St. John's in Russellville where he remained active in the local parish and assisting the pastor until 2003. He was preceded in death by his parents, six sisters, and four brothers.

He is survived by his sister, Mary Louise Hoffman of Russellville and a number of nephews and nieces.

A Mass of Resurrection was held at 10:00 AM on Monday, November 17, 2008, at St. John's Catholic Church in Russellville, celebrated by the Most Reverend Anthony B. Taylor, Bishop of Little Rock and Father William F. Thomas. Priests served as pallbearers. Burial will be in Atkins Catholic Cemetery under the direction of Shinn Funeral Service.

A Rosary was held at 6:00 PM on Sunday, November 16, 2008, at St. John's Catholic Church.

Memorials may be made to St. John's Catholic Church, 1912 West Main Street, Russellville, Arkansas 72801.

Please remember Monsignor Maus and his family in your prayers.

Received the above from Chris Fitz.

MOTHER OF ALAN HALMAN

Alan Halman, Grand Knight of Council 10908 St Vincent needs to his mother on prayer list her cancer has come back for the 3rd time and she needs our prayers.

JOSE LUIS PAEZ

Also we just had a Brother Knight join our council two weeks ago and learned yesterday his father was a policeman in Mexico and was shot and killed please put Jose Luis Paez on our prayer list also he is not going to be able to return to Mexico for funeral and its tearing him apart right now.

Thanks,
Alan Halman, Grand Knight, Council 10908

LORENE CRAINE GLANCY

Lorene Craine Glancy, wife of Joseph Glancy, member of Bishop Andrew Byrne Assembly 0024, Little Rock, passed on to her Eternal Reward Wednesday, November 26, 2008.

Lorene has been in very poor health for some time now and has been in the hospital for the past few months.

Rosary was at 7:00 PM Friday, November 28, 2008, Christ the King Catholic Church, 400 N. Rodney Parham. Visitation preceded the Rosary beginning at 6:00 PM.

Mass of Christian Burial was at 12:00 Noon Saturday, November 29, 2008, also was at Christ the King Catholic Church with Msgr. Francis I. Malone as celebrant.

Please remember Lorene, Joe and their family in your prayers.

NOTICE:

Please try to send your newsletter reports and messages to John Hollender, Newsletter Editor, by December 19, 2008, for the January 2009 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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