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**Happy Thanksgiving - November 26th 2009**



Norman Rockwell, *Freedom from Want*

March 6, 1943

# STATE DEPUTY

JIM NEFF

## HAPPY THANKSGIVING

Brother Knights All:

The question of “are we a best kept secret” was posed by keynote speaker Tony Levatino, MD at a fund raising banquet for St. Joseph’s Helpers Pregnancy Center in Little Rock on October 27th. He was responding to the center’s plea for money to fund billboard advertising to get the word out as to who they are, what they do and where they are located. Even though they have been magnificently successful in convincing women to carry their babies to term, they could be even more effective if more women with problem pregnancies visited them before going to an abortion clinic.

I couldn’t help but wonder if the Knights of Columbus “are a best kept secret” also. Wouldn’t recruiting be so much easier if we could just get the message out of all the charitable good works we perform such as Pennies From Heaven, Persons With Intellectual Disabilities, seminarian support, Voice for the Unborn, parish and community support, disaster relief, Right to Life, “Just Ask” Campaign.....and on and on and on?

A recent example is Brother Chuck Fiebig and his Bella Vista Council 9514 and Assembly 1783 Brother Knights who sent out a plea for help in getting an approximately 200 pound baptismal font to Miami, Florida. The font was being donated to the Missionaries for the Poor in Kingston, Jamaica who had a great need because of a new chapel under construction. Miami-based Food for the Poor which is a catholic organization agreed to get it to Kingston if we could get it to Miami. A Brother Knight in Fort Smith quickly responded to solve the problem for another great charitable accomplishment.

Because of our pride in belonging to an organization with many members like Brother Chuck, we might find it hard to understand why others would not jump at the opportunity to join us. We need to be on guard

that we not show disdain or contempt toward these individuals. We are reminded in the Gospel from Mark 10:35-45 or 10:42-45 for the weekend of October 17th and 18th that serving others is what brings greatness. And sincere service is not showing great pride in oneself or being boastful. Sincere service is mostly silent and unknown except to the recipient of our giving, and of course to an all-knowing God. A shining example of serving others, experienced in our lifetime and worthy of emulating, is Mother Theresa.

Our challenge and obligation then are twofold. The first is for all to be part and parcel to the charitable good works we do to serve others, and ensure they and our commitment to the church continue to be our highest priorities. Our accomplishments will speak for themselves and provide plenty of positive exposure. The second is

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to unselfishly and relentlessly seek out other men to join us in serving others by offering membership to all those who are eligible. This second task will not occur by itself; it will be for each of us to accomplish.

Carolyn and I wish all a most bountiful and blessed Thanksgiving. We truly have many things to be grateful for, especially our Catholic Faith. Please keep Joan Witt and June Lyons and their families in your prayers. They are both suffering from cancer.

Jim Neff

Vivat Jesus

Vivat Jesús

**NOVEMBER FUND RAISING REPORT**

**GERALD KRAWCZYNSKI**

**STATE WARDEN**

Brother Knights,

The 16th annual “Just Ask” fund raising campaign is under way. Many members have responded generously. Donations are coming in each day. Thank you for responding to the recent mail out.

District Deputies and Grand Knights please remind the members in your districts and councils that the purpose of the fund raising campaign is to support the following Diocesan ministries: the Vocations office, the Arkansas Catholic, the diocesan web page, Respect Life Office, and the office of Catholic Charities. Encourage the members to respond to the letter we recently sent out by making their contribution to this worthy cause. In the event the letter is lost or misplaced make a check out to ‘ASC/just ask’. Mail check to: Fund Raising Director, 15 Raton Lane, Hot Springs Village AR 71909.

**VOCATIONS CHAIRMAN**

**PETER McNULTY**

My Brother Knights;

I have good news for those Councils and Assemblies that have agreed to support the seminarians that are assigned to the “Discernment House”! After contacting the Supreme Council’s Vocation Affairs office and explaining our Diocesan program, the decision was made to cover ALL our seminarians with the RSVP. For those councils and assemblies who are sponsoring these men in the “Discernment House”, please contact me for further information relative to your RSVP Refund application.

The following Councils and Assemblies have reported awarding at least ONE RSVP.:

**COUNCILS**

00812 ..... LITTLE ROCK ..... Little Rock

01702	FATHER LOUIS DEUSTER	Jonesboro
01713	ST. MARY'S	Paragould
02650	ST. EDWARDS	Texarkana
03383	FATHER GALLONI	Lake Village
03787	LOGAN COUNTY	Paris
04147	FATHER JOHN J. BOYCE	Wynne
05209	MSGR. CHARLES F. KORDSMEIER	Morrilton
05725	CLARKSVILLE	Clarksville
06398	FATHER JO LAURO	Russellville
06609	FATHER CHARLES A. McCAULEY	Fayetteville
06969	ST. JOHN NEUMANN	Cherokee Village
07258	MSGR. A. P. GALLAGER	Mena
07353	THE FISHERMAN	Mountain Home
08815	ST. FRANCIS	Fairfield Bay
09777	ST. MICHAEL	Van Buren
10167	CHRIST THE KING	Little Rock
10208	DANIEL PATRICK SULLIVAN	Hot Springs Village
10908	ST. MARY'S	St. Vincent
11294	ADAM J. KOFFLER	Searcy
11604	ST. JUDE'S	Jacksonville
12458	ST. STEPHEN	Bentonville
12473	ST. LOUIS	Magnolia/Camden
<b>ASSEMBLIES</b>		
1783	POPE JOHN PAUL I	Bella Vista
1892	HOT SPRINGS CENTENNIAL	Hot Springs
2060	REV. FATHER HENRY J. CHINERY	Mountain Home
2642	BISHOP EDWARD FITZGERALD	Jacksonville
3101	FR. JOSEPH A. CORRENTI	Tontitown

In the possibility that I have missed any council or assembly, please contact me about my oversight. Note that I said at least one, some have sponsored two or more seminarians.

I will report on Councils or Assemblies supporting seminarians NOT candidates for the Diocese of Little Rock next month.

As the Holy Days and holidays approach,(Thanksgiving and Christmas) cards and letters from you all should be in order. Perhaps there is a seminarian that could visit your council or assembly during the holiday period!

My brother Knights, I encourage you all to keep all our seminarians in our daily prayers for their continued studies and the completion of their long journey to Ordination. Our prayers as well as any communication with our seminarians, builds morale and encourages them to continue on to the fulfillment of their calling.

Thank you all for your support of this most rewarding contribution to our Faith and Church.

Have a very joyous Thanksgiving, give thanks for the gifts we have received from our Heavenly Father. God bless our Nation and our service men and women who defend our Freedom.

**BISHOP UKWUOMA  
BISHOP OF ORLU, NIGERIA  
VISITS THE DIOCESE OF LITTLE ROCK**



Bishop Augustine Tochukwu Ukwuoma, Bishop of Orlu, Nigeria made a pastoral visit to the 11:00 A.M. Mass, October 25, 2009 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Arkadelphia while visiting Fr. Linus Ukomadu, who serves as pastor for both St. Mary's in Arkadelphia and St. John's in Malvern. There are 15 priests from various Nigerian Dioceses serving within the Little Rock Diocese. The Honor Guard is by Hot Springs Assembly 1892.

**PROGRAM FOR PEOPLE WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES**

**GEORGE KNOX  
DISABILITY DRIVE DIRECTOR**

This year's Program for People with Intellectual Disabilities has concluded its first month. Most Councils participating in this annual charitable drive have conducted and concluded their activities in October, the customary month of this annual program. However, it's not too late to plan and enact an activity. Councils can and are engaging in activities benefiting the intellectually challenged during the month of November or December.

While this program is often referred to as the "Tootsie Roll Drive", a funds solicitation approach using candy is only one of many different strategies to accomplish the charitable goal. A Council may choose whatever fundraising method deemed most effective in their area. The program can take the form of a spaghetti dinner, silent auction, diner dance or whatever approaches the Council is best suited to pursue.

Who benefits from the program? A portion (15%) of the funds collected is directed to the ARC summer camp. This performing arts summer camp serves the disabled by structured classes in everything from music to cooking helping create self-confidence and self-esteem in all who participate. Of course, the charities designated in the individual Council's immediate community continue to receive the bulk (85%) of the net proceeds. Councils should submit the Net Profit (total proceeds less expenses) to State Secretary Charles Ketter, who will return checks to you payable to the community organizations designated by your Council. The use of Form #2, previously mailed to the Grand Knights, to submit the proceeds will facilitate the process.

Insurance coverage for the event remains in effect for November and December, provided the insurance company is advised of the dates of your Council's event. If you have not already done so, please advise me of the dates for underwriting purposes. The insurance company requires this information.

Thanks to all who felt the charity in their hearts and conducted an organized activity in October or simply provided a donation for the benefit of those less fortunate.

The following is an updated list of those Councils disclosing an intent to participate in this year's Drive. The list is updated to include Council 12082 St Raphael, Springdale from which I recently received an email notice of their intention to participate.

Through the receipt of forms, telephone calls and/or email, 17 (30%) of the 55 State Councils have indicated an intent to participate or contribute to the drive in some manner.

Thirteen councils will apparently pursue a traditional Tootsie Roll Drive, these councils are the following:

02443 .....	Pocahontas
06419 .....	Hot Springs
06609 .....	Fayetteville
07258 .....	Mena
07353 .....	Mountain Home
08410 .....	Harrison
09363 .....	Benton
10208 .....	Hot Springs Village
10493 .....	Horseshoe Bend
11604 .....	Jacksonville/Cabot
12082 .....	Springdale
12458 .....	Bentonville
13289 .....	Siloam Springs

Four councils will pursue a substitute program or have mailed us a donation, these councils are the following:

01153 ..... Pine Bluff  
01713 ..... Paragould  
14010 ..... Altus  
14619 ..... Scranton

I suspect there may well be other Councils participating in some manner from which I have not received any confirmation.

Thank you.

God Bless your efforts,

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**STATE SECRETARY**  
**CHARLES KETTER**

Brother Knights,

I have agreed to oversee the ideas for the year of the priest. This is a time set aside by our Holy Father to honor our priests. I would ask that all Grand Knights order the prayer cards for priests from Supreme. You can order these on the Supreme web site at [www.kofc.org](http://www.kofc.org). Ask your pastor for permission to pray this prayer as meditation after communion. If not, you can pray this prayer at your council meetings. Minimally, give a card to each Knight to pray at home with his family. This just might be an inspiration for a vocation in your family as prayer is one of our most powerful blessings.

I urge every Knight to remember your priest's birthday, ordination date and, if possible, host a dinner for them. Everyone likes to hear a thank you and be told they are loved and appreciated. And if you can afford it, a gift card is always appreciated. Our priests are a most precious gift from our Heavenly Father, and they minister to us from Baptism through the Last Rites. Lest they feel forgotten, remember our retired bishop and priests with Thanksgiving and Christmas cards or, even better, a personal note. Let's make this a year our priests will never forget. Invite a priest to your home or take him out to eat. Use prayerful imagination and you will succeed in making this a special year in the life of your priest.

Vivat Jesu

Charles Ketter  
State Secretary

**ONE MINUTE EACH NIGHT**  
**SUBMITTED BY - CHARLES KETTER**

ONE MINUTE EACH NIGHT During WWII, there was an advisor to Churchill who organized a group of people who dropped what they were doing every night at a prescribed hour for one minute to collectively pray for the safety of England, its people and peace. This had an amazing effect as bombing stopped.

There is now a group of people organizing the same thing here in America.

If you would like to participate: each evening at 9:00 PM Eastern Time 8:00 PM Central, 7:00 PM Mountain, 6:00 PM Pacific), stop whatever you are doing and spend one minute praying for the up-coming election (mid term), the war in Iraq, safety of our troops and for the revival of Christianity in this great country.

If you know anyone who would like to participate, please pass this along.

Someone said if people really understood the full extent of the power we have available through prayer, we might be speechless. Our prayers are the most powerful asset we have.

Thank You.

Please pass this on to anyone who you think will want to join us.

**FOURTH DEGREE**  
**MAX W. NUTT**  
**DISTRICT MASTER**

The 4th degree is the patriotic degree of our order as we all know and November 11 is veterans day, what a great time to show our patriotism and our support for our veterans.

We have a 4th degree exemplification scheduled for December 6<sup>th</sup>. This is on a Sunday with registration from 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM and degree starting at 12:45 PM. Class photo at 2:30PM, Mass at 3:00 PM, social after Mass and dinner at 4:00 PM. This is scheduled to be at St. Boniface church and hall at my home parish at New Dixie. New Dixie is located on Hwy 60 about 10 miles west of Conway. Any 3rd degree members desiring to be 4th degree members are invited to join us on that day. A form 4 should be completed and approved by the assembly and received by me by November 25th. The onetime fee of \$70.00 covers the banquet, social baldric and lapel pin. Candidates and members in attendance are required to wear a black tuxedo, white shirt and black bow tie. All assembly faithful navigators should have this schedule and information.

The next 4th degree exemplification after this will be on April 17th.

**4<sup>TH</sup> DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION  
HONORING: FR. VICTOR BIEBERLE  
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2009  
HOST: FR. LACHOWSKY ASSEMBLY  
NEW DIXIE, AR**

**MEN'S SCHEDULE:** ..... **REGISTRATION & LIGHT LUNCH 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM**  
**LINEUP & PREPERATION** ..... **12:30 PM - 12:45 PM**  
**EXEMPLIFICATION** ..... **12:45 PM**  
**GROUP PHOTO**..... **AFTER EXEMPLIFICATION**  
**MASS** ..... **3:00 PM**  
**SOCIAL AND DINNER** ..... **AFTER MASS**  
**CERTIFICATES** ..... **PRESENTED AFTER DINNER**

**CANDIDATE REGISTRATION FEE - INCLUDING DEACONS**

\$70.00 (Clergy \$40.00, to be paid by Assembly). Fee includes suspender type Social Baldric (Sash), 4th degree pin and one banquet ticket.

**ADDITIONAL BANQUET TICKETS**

\$20.00 ..... Adults only (18 years old or older) at all activities.

**UNIFORM**

Candidates (including Deacons) - Complete Black Tuxedo w/lay-down collar (no wing-tip collar allowed) (white gloves not required) Military Dress Uniform, Clergy Regular Clerical Dress  
4th Degree Members - **Complete Black Tuxedo w/Lay-back collar** during ceremony (required) Dark Suit with Tie acceptable for Banquet

Honor Guard - Regalia for Mass and Ceremony - Complete Black Tuxedo w/lay-down collar (no wing tip collar allowed) and white gloves

**Note: Anyone not in proper dress as indicated above will not be allowed into the ceremony chambers.**

**FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT MAX W. NUTT, DISTRICT MASTER**

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**SEND ALL CHECKS (REGISTRATION AND/OR BANQUET) AND WAIVER REQUESTS TO MAX W. NUTT.**

**PLEASE NOTE THESE DATES:**

1. THE SIX MONTH WAIVER AVAILABLE IN 2009  
To obtain a waiver the candidate must be a knight for at least six (6) months. For a waiver the Form 4 and check for \$70.00 must be in my hands by November 15th. Only when I have the Form 4 can I request the waiver (a copy must be sent for approval).

2. For other candidates Form 4 and check must be in my hands by **November 25th** (To have name in Luncheon booklet).
3. Form 4s and checks for all candidates must be received by me no later than **November 25th**.
4. Registration for evening Banquet and the check for guest(s) attending must be in my hands or that of the Faithful Navigator by **December 1st**. (Ticket is \$20.00 per guest. Candidates are prepaid by registration.)

Ladies will meet in the new office building for light lunch, activity or bingo at 11:30 AM at no charge.

## **NOTICE:**

**Please try to send your newsletter reports and messages to John Hollender, Newsletter Editor, by Sunday, November 22, 2009, for the December 2009 Newsletter. Please e-mail to [johnh911@conwaycorp.net](mailto: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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