

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - CHARITY, FRATERNITY, UNITY**

**SPIRIT OF CHRIST COUNCIL 12979**

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**From the Grand Knight:**

In addition to Holiday wishes, the more important news I have for you is that Father Steven Voss has accepted our invitation to be the Chaplain for Council 12979. We've been without a Chaplain for many months, and it is a wonderful Christmas gift to the Council that Father Steven wants to work with us as our Spiritual Leader. As you are able to speak to Father Steven after Mass or in the Office, please make him feel welcome to our Council.

Thank you and Welcome Brother Father Steven !!

I would also like to thank each of the Knights of Council 12979, their Ladies and Families for the support you have shown for all of our 2007 projects. It is your hard work for and consistent good attitude to the people of Spirit of Christ that has earned the Knights such a strong and positive reputation in the parish. You should all be justly proud of your efforts.

Finally, Ginny and I wish each of you and your families a happy and holy holiday season.

Vivat Jesus!

Tom

**From the Lecturer:**

The meaning of Christmas

This is a true story that happened to Sister Elizabeth, a friend of mine who lives in north Denver. It speaks to me about true forgiveness and peace.

She was expecting a Thanksgiving food basket this year to be delivered to her on the Saturday before Thanksgiving. She unexpectedly had to leave her residence for a short time. When she returned her

neighbors informed her that the food was delivered, left outside her door, but the food was no longer there. It had been stolen. Sister and her neighbors were sure that one neighbor in particular was the prime suspect.

She had choices to make on how to handle the situation.

She told me that from her heart she forgave her neighbor and as an outward sign of her forgiveness she took him some of her best holiday cookies that she had been saving for a special occasion.

Who do you need to forgive and make peace with this Christmas? Do it now as a gift to yourself and the individual that you need to forgive.

**2nd & 3rd Degrees:**

Major degree exemplifications are scheduled in Colorado Springs (02-16-08) and Loveland (03-29-08). If you are interested in continuing your fraternal journey, contact Tom Lyons for details.

**Thank you for your hard work :**

**Opps – Sorry** I missed recognizing everyone who helped with the Homeless move on 10-28. Storm Sutherland as well as Shelby, Sarah and Amy Hayes were there helping the Knights that Sunday morning.

David Dudden and Tim Vettel helped a parishioner move her apartment from the third floor to the first floor on 11-10. We learned of this need through Jerry Flammang.

Cathi Polotino asked if the Knights could help move a client of the Women's Bean Project to a new place

to live. Steve Feldman was able to spend an afternoon lending a hand. Thanks Steve!

We had a great turnout for the November 10 Highway Cleanup. I think by now most of us have recovered from a morning of deep knee bends along Wadsworth Blvd. Thanks to Tom Dedin Sr for organizing the work and to Tom Dedin Jr, Harold Armenta, Todd Mullen, David Robles, Zachary Dedin, Mary Fran Dedin, Charlie Sheridan, Jim Gumpert, Rich Boespflug, Ed Lindeman, Dennis Velasquez, Alex Guetlein, and Gary Reese for the cleanup. A special thanks to Jerry Flammang who met us at 92<sup>nd</sup> and Wadsworth to give a ride back to SOC so we didn't have to walk the whole way again. Good work gentlemen – the street looks ready for the coming snow.

Our Thanksgiving basket delivery on November 17 was a great success – we had lots more drivers than baskets to deliver. I'm sorry if you rearranged your afternoon to deliver and then found nothing to do. We tried to call to avoid unnecessary trips, but most of you were already on the way to church. I don't expect this to happen for our Christmas delivery – we'll have at least 150 families who are expecting us to bring them food. Thanks to Rich Boespflug, Pat Dougherty, Jim Hackl, Troy and Patty Hayes family, Duane Knight, Bill LaGrange, Dennis Velasquez, Randy Weinert, Scott Ditch, Steve Feldman, Jerry Flammang and Jim Jonas for lending their time to delivery the baskets we were assigned.

#### **Financial decisions at the November meeting:**

Allocated Tootsie Roll money of \$1244 to The Bridge Community, \$1244 to Carron Coffee House and \$1248 to the Special Religious Education Overnighter Camp; agreed to send \$80 to KC Metro for Catholic Register ad recognizing Father David and Father Steven; gave \$250 to seminarian Bryan Norton, gave \$250 to Maggie Vettel to help with expenses related to attending FOCUS conference; agreed to purchase \$300 KofC annuities for Father David and Father Steven.

#### **Coming Events and Opportunities to Serve:**

**December 7**, will be our annual Council Christmas Party. This is a fun evening for all the families in the Council – including children and grandchildren. The Council will provide the main dish and drinks, please bring a side dish or dessert to share. We'd

appreciate an RVSP to Tom Lyons so we know how much food to buy and how many gifts to buy for Santa to give out. We also want to ask that you bring a package of new socks and/or underwear to the party so we can give them to the Samaritan Shelter. All sizes for men (especially!), women and children are needed and will be appreciated.

#### **December 15**, deliver Christmas Food Baskets.

This year we will be asked to deliver to 150 families – that is twice the usual number and 6 times the number we delivered at Thanksgiving. We need everyone to help to make this project a success. If you can help at all, even for a short time, contact David Dudden 303-940-6992, Tom Lyons 303-423-4015 or Tom Dedin Sr 303-421-9711.

**December 17 to December 20**, we've been asked to help decorate the Church for Christmas. This involves putting up and getting lights on trees in the sanctuary, the gathering space and Chapel, and helping put up the wreaths and garland in the sanctuary and gathering space. The trees are to be delivered on Monday morning, the 17<sup>th</sup> so the schedule looks something like this:

Monday, Dec. 17th 1:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Tuesday, Dec. 18th 9:00 am to 9:00 pm

Wednesday, Dec 19th 9:00 am to 9:00 pm

Thursday, Dec. 20th 9:00 am to 9:00 pm

The schedule allows for decorating in the evening or during that day, whichever best fits your schedule. Even a few hours of work can make a big difference in this project.

We'll need help to clean up the decorations after Christmas and that schedule is Monday, Jan 14 from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm and Tuesday Jan. 15 9:00 am to 9:00 pm.

Price Hatcher is organizing this project and you can call him at 303-467-0583 if you can help for any amount of time.

**Retreat on January 18-20.** We would like to encourage all Knights to consider attending the Gathering of Men retreat on **January 18-20**. If you have any concerns about financing the weekend contact Tom Lyons, there are scholarships available.

We are planning a special Marian Prayer Service the evening of **January 30**. The Knights of Columbus have developed this liturgy of devotion to the Blessed Mother. Council Chaplain Father Steven Voss will lead the service.

**Knight & Family of the Month:**

**Ron Hayduk** is recognized as our Knight of the Month for November. Ron has been a steady helper for the Fish Fry's, Adams County Fundraiser and Pancake Breakfasts. Ron is a hard-working, pleasant gentleman who is easy going and fun to work with.

**The Feldman Clan, Steven, Marge, Patrick and Michelle** are recognized as our November Family of the Month. Anyone who has been around the Knights for the past few years is aware of the presence and contribution of the Feldmans. It doesn't seem to matter if the job is big or little, if it's a large group or just a few people, the Feldman's are there, always willing to help.

**Congratulations Ron, Steve and Patrick!**

If you have a nomination in mind for either the Knight or Family of the Month just give the name to any Officer.

**Glad Knight/Sad Knight Drawing:**

Each month there is a cash drawing at our Business meeting – you win only if you are there! The award is \$25 and if you are not there (Sad Knight) then the money rolls over to the next meeting, The September Sad Knight is Richard Archuleta. The pot for the December 13 meeting is \$225.

**For the Good of the Order:**

Prayers at our November meeting for Aime LaFosse, Jerri Garcia, Wade Suelter, Sheryl Payne, Curtis Booker, Herb Fahey, Gene Meis, Jerry Flammang, Leona Boespflug, for the soul of Jack Jordan and for the soul of Mary Lancaster.

**Help us reduce expenses:**

We are looking to improve communications and reduce mailing expenses. If you want to get the newsletter by email please let me know at tomlyons7of9@msn.com.

There are a number of name badges that have lost track of their Knights. If you are missing your name badge call Tom at 303-423-4015 so we can arrange a time for you and your badge to get back together.

**New things to think about:**

If you are interested in any of these projects please give me a call 303-423-4015:

In February this year Tim Vettel and I went to New Orleans to help rebuild in St Bernard's parish. The group that went together is trying to get another group to go again this February to work with Habitat for Humanity to build new homes.

We are looking for a couple to head up our Council Right to Life efforts. The Knights of Columbus have many different programs that we can tap into with a little effort. Please consider if you and your wife are interested in putting together a Right to Life project.

I occasionally get calls from the SOC Office asking if we have a Knight with a truck and some time to help someone move that has a true need. I'd like to create a shortened call list of those Knights who would be willing to be contacted in these situations.

If you'd like to make a contribution to this newsletter please let me know. I'd be happy to share the space with my Brother Knights!

**Ladies Auxiliary:**

We need boxes for Christmas basket delivery - leave boxes in the John Paul XXIII Center, southeast wall.

**Friday, December 7**, Help decorate for the KC Christmas Potluck Party, John Paul XXIII, 5 p.m.; potluck starts at 6 p.m.

**Thursday, Dec. 13th**, Christmas Box preparation, 7:00 p.m. John Paul XXIII Center. Please bring packing tape and a dessert to share.

All Ladies are welcome to help distribute Christmas food baskets on Dec. 15th; contact David Dudden 303-921-7840 for information.

**Social on Sunday 01/13/08**; Brunch at the Dushanbe Teahouse in Boulder then tour of Celestial Seasonings; meet at SOC at 10:45am; call Cindy Dudden (303)940-6992.

**From our Field Agent:**

Greetings Brothers,

There are many fine life insurance companies in the marketplace today. So why should you entrust your life insurance needs, and those of your family to the Knights of Columbus?

In it's credit rating of the Knights of Columbus, Standard & Poor's stated that it's 'AAA' rating was based upon the following strengths: extremely strong capital, very strong competitive position, extremely strong liquidity and historically strong profitability.

I would suggest that a principal reason that we were able to achieve those accolades, along with what S&P described as 'a distinct competitive advantage, a loyal customer base and a unique rapport with clients' is because we have been steadfastly committed to our motto, 'Protecting Families for Generations' by means of 'life insurance by brother Knights for brother Knights.'

That commitment is an essential core value of the Knights of Columbus, and our core values permeate all levels of our marketing program. Our 'Marketing Code of Ethics' is modeled after the Ten Commandments and includes statements such as 'Thou shall

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present honestly and accurately, all facts necessary to enable a member to make an informed decision.'

Our ethical principles for marketing are summed up by our Golden Rule: 'In all my professional relationships, I pledge myself to the following rule of conduct: I shall, in light of all conditions surrounding those I serve, render that service which, under the same circumstances, I would apply to myself.'

That's what you can expect from me, your Knights of Columbus field agent. Please give me a call. I welcome the opportunity to present to you and your wife, honestly and accurately, all facts necessary for you to make a sound life insurance decision. I will render that service which, under the same circumstances, I would apply to myself.

It has been a great experience being your Field Agent this year and I send you and your family my warmest wishes for a great holiday season. Merry Christmas and may God bless you.

Vivat Jesus, Patrick Feldman (Field Agent)

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