

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - CHARITY, FRATERNITY, UNITY  
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**From the Grand Knight :**

I guess I've been delivering Thanksgiving Food baskets since we first started doing it some years ago. Each time, of course, I've had a chance to observe first hand those who have less, and need more than I do. But this year was little different and had a greater impact on me because I was asked to deliver to two families that I know from Spirit of Christ, one of them a Brother Knight. Neither family expected the gift of food for the holiday.

I have two thoughts to share from the experience. First, helping people I knew sharpened the point of how good God has been to me and my family – how much I have to be thankful for. Secondly, I am more than ever grateful for the Knights because without them I doubt that I would have had the opportunity to help these families the way that I was able to this year.

Ginny and I would like to wish each of you and your families a Blessed and Holy Christmas. I hope to see all of you at the Christmas Party on the 6<sup>th</sup>.

Vivat Jesu  
Tom

**From the Lecturer:**

The Christmas season is filled with gift giving, unexpected pleasant surprises, and the peace of Christ. At the November Business meeting I encouraged my fellow Knights to pray for a miracle cure for Fr. Steve. What an excellent Christmas gift you and your family could give him is by praying for 1) A Christmas miracle cure; 2) If a cure is not possible then finding a kidney donor and having a successful transplant, and finally, 3) If neither is God's will then pray that Fr. Steve and the parish

members receive the gift of the peace of acceptance that the Christ Child offers this Christmas.

On a side note the individual who I spoke about at the November Members Meeting that is one miracle short of becoming a Saint is Father Samuel Mazzuchelli, O.P. He was born in Italy in 1803. At age 21 he immigrated to Cincinnati, OH. At age 24 he was ordained and spent the next 30 years of his life ministering to the pioneers, immigrants, and Indians in Wisconsin, Iowa, and Minnesota. I encourage you to go on-line and learn more about this priest and future saint.

I wish all my Brother Knights and their friends and families a Merry and Blessed Christmas.

**Location Changes:**

For our December meeting we will have the Rosary and Business Meeting starting at 7:00 pm at the offices of Personal Bene fit Services, 5620 Ward Road.

Officer meetings will continue to be held at Spirit of Christ on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month. Officers meetings start at 7:00 pm and all Knights are welcome to attend.

**Degree Schedules:**

**1<sup>st</sup> Degree**

If you'd like to attend as an observer there are 1<sup>st</sup> Degrees scheduled regularly throughout the month. Contact Tom Lyons if you would like details on when you can attend as an observer.

**2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree**

Major Degree Exemplifications are scheduled in Brighton (01-24); Sterling (02-15) and Colorado Springs (6-18). Contact Tom Lyons if you are

interested in attending any of these exemplifications.

**Thank you for your hard work :**

Thanks to Tom & Mary Fran Dedin and David & Cindy Dudden who coordinated the food basket delivery and to the Knights who delivered Thanksgiving Food Baskets: Dave Bender, Bob Blanchette, Harold Armenta, Mike Avis & Morgan Avis, Richard Boespflug, Mike & Stacy Dedin, Scott Ditch, Pat Dougherty, Gill Duman, Steve Feldman, Jerry Flammang, Alex & Gina Guetlein, Jim Gumpert & BJ Hopkins, Price Hatcher, Troy Hayes, Bernie Hoffman, Duane & Regina Knight, Bill LaGrange, Dave & Marcy Robles, Charlie Sheridan, Dennis Velasquez and Frank Eldredge.

**Summary of Financial decisions:**

We have \$4421.49 in checking and \$2380.85 in savings. The Council spent \$80 for Sweepstake Tickets to meet our State quota of \$400, paid \$1980 for the Major Degree Exemplification dinner, resulting in a loss of \$46.25 on the Major Degree, paid \$444 to Supreme for the Culture of Life assessment and paid other Council expenses of \$31.90. All bills were referred to the Trustees for review prior to payment.

Motions were made and passed to absorb the cost of the Tootsie Rolls (\$241.50) and to make Christmas donations of \$250 each to Seminarians Jason Bermender, Cletus Omode and Matt Magee after first confirming they are still in Seminary.

**Coming Events and Opportunities to Serve:**

Please bring your family to the Council Christmas Party on **December 6**. We'll be in the Spirit Center starting at 6:00 pm. RSVP to Tom 303-423-4015 and bring either a side salad or dessert - everything else is provided.

We are planning on delivering Christmas Food Baskets **Saturday December 20**. If you want to be scheduled to deliver please call Tom 303-423-4015 or David 303-940-6992.

We will be decorating the Church, Gathering Space and Chapel for Christmas. Current plans are to decorate on **Monday December 22 and Tuesday December 23**. The Sanctuary trees will be put up the evening of Monday **December 22**.

Mark your calendars - the Boys Baseball Clinic will be held on **February 28, 2009**. Coaches Clinic will be **February 26, 2009**.

We are forming a 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Team here at Council 12979. We passed a sign-up sheet at the last business meeting, but if you were not there and are interested in being on the Team give me a call at 303-423-4015.

**Knight & Family of the Month:**

**Eric Johnson** is recognized as our November Knight of the Month. Eric joined the Knights in 2003 and has served the Council as both Recorder and Advocate. It is Eric's generosity that allows us to meet at his offices while the Church is being remodeled. Thank you Eric!

**The Scott Ditch Family** is recognized as our November Family of the Month. Scott was our Knight of the Month in June and this recognition in particular is for the help he and his daughter Linsy gave us the Tootsie Roll drive this year. Thank you for your hard work!

Congratulations to Eric and Scott.

**Glad Knight/Sad Knight Drawing:**

Each month there is a cash drawing at our Business meeting. The award is \$25 per meeting and if you are not there (Sad Knight) the money rolls over to the next meeting. The November Sad Knight is Dan Bickford. The pot now stands at \$50.

**For the Good of the Order:**

At our November meeting we prayed for Seminarians Cletus Omode, Jason Bermender and Matt Magee; for Father Ryan, Father Steven Voss, and Father Greg Ames; for Ginny Trumpolt, Aime LaFosse, Diane Kennedy, Herb Fehay, Connie Mullen, Joe Donahue, Leona Boespflug, Mary Fran Dedin, BJ Hopkins, Justyn Whalin, Jonathon Nicks, Iris Jaime, Ruth Ann Egging, Robertt Martelli, Price Hatcher Jr, James Cox Jr, Shirley Knight-Mallory, Derek and Jean Olson, Richard Carson, the soul of Diane Ouellette and for all Special Intentions.

**Ladies Auxiliary:**

Thank-you to those who collected boxes for and helped deliver the Thanksgiving baskets! It was another year of abundance!

The Annual Christmas Party will be Saturday, December 6th. The ladies will be decorating the Spirit Center and preparing for Santa starting at 4:00 pm. Call Cindy Dudden if you can help, (303)940-6992.

No meeting for December with the Christmas party.

Please collect boxes for the Christmas food basket delivery; bring to SOC John XXIII starting 12/7. Call Cindy Dudden if you would like to help deliver, (303)940-6992.

### **From the 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 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. From my family and I to you and your family my warmest wishes for a great holiday season. Merry Christmas, may God bless you now and in the New Year.

Vivat Jesus,

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