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**From the Grand Knight:**

Well, 2008 is off to a fast start, with Lent Fish Fries coming right on the heels of the Christmas clean-up. Hardly time to take a breath.

I've been working on the annual reports we send into the State KC on our projects. Writing reports is not exactly fun – but it is rewarding to document the projects we worked on this year. We should be proud of our projects this year, including the Christmas decorating and clean-up, a tremendous effort to deliver food baskets at Christmas, a really fun Summer picnic and the best attended Server Recognition event in a long, long time.

I've included a service survey for each of you to complete and send back to Mark (his address is at the bottom). Please print it off, complete it and mail to Mark. We'll do this same survey again in October and use the two to assess how well we're serving our parish and Arvada community.

I'd like to point out that we want you to include all your volunteer hours on this survey – not just the 'official' KC sponsored activities. We know that Knights spend a substantial amount of time helping on a wide variety of projects – and all the time you give ought to be recognized. This is one way we can start to try to do that. Once we have all the hours counted up we'll publish them in the newsletter so you'll have a good idea of the collective impact the Spirit of Christ Knights have on Church, Family, Youth and Community.

Finally, Lent is here. I hope each of you are able to take some quiet time over the next six weeks to reflect on all that the Lord has given us and to say a prayer for those who are less fortunate than we are.

Vivat Jesus!

Tom

**From the Lecturer:**

Why do we begin Mass with the Penitential rite? One of the greatest temptations we regularly face is that of giving into self-satisfaction. Then, in effect, we become like the Pharisee in the temple who prays, "O God, I thank you that I am not like the rest of humanity" (Lk 18:11). He shows how sin, in essence, is "the reduction of God to one or another aspect of the human" (L. Giussani). Pope Benedict XVI says that "we suffer exactly for this reason: we shut ourselves up in delirium of guiltlessness and for this reason we are closed to others...Sin appears when a person refuses to recognize his own limits and tries to be completely self-sufficient."

So the Church directs us at the start of Mass to recall our sins – not as to put us on a guilt trip, but precisely to save us from any improper way of regarding (or disregarding) our sins and to assure us that God's providence is at work even in our failings. Just as God created the world, he wills to recreate us at each Mass.

Fr. Peter John Cameron, O.P.

Speaking of Lent coming up, why not resolve to make this year the best Lent ever. You can do it, and by golly you deserve it.

**Restoring our Seminarian Support Fund:**

Mark tells me we have already exceeded the \$500 matching gift from the Council to help restore our Seminarian Support Fund.

Your generosity will enable us continue to support Dan, Byron and Cletus – and gives us the opportunity to extend a hand to other seminarians who do not have Knights of Columbus supporting them in their vocation. Thank You !!

## **2nd & 3rd Degrees:**

Major degree exemplifications are scheduled in Sterling 02-17, Loveland 03-29, Aurora 05-03, Colorado Springs 06-14 and Littleton on 06-28. If you are interested in continuing your fraternal journey, contact Tom Lyons for details.

## **4<sup>th</sup> Degree Exemplification**

Exemplification of the 4th Degree in Burlington Colorado will be February 24th 2008. Contact Tom Lyons or David Dudden if you are interested.

## **Thank you for your hard work :**

The Christmas decorations came down a lot faster than they went up – but it still took a number of men some hard hours of work to get the job done. Thanks to Jerry Flammang, David Dudden, Patrick Feldman, Steve Feldman, Todd Mullen, Ron Hayduk, Tim Vettel, Rich Boespflug, Troy Hayes and Marty Martinez for their very hard work. A special thanks to Tom Dedin Sr who coordinated the whole clean-up effort.

Barb Howard extends her thanks to the Knights who helped serve dinner at the Once Upon a Time in Africa evening: Rich Boespflug, Tim Vettel and Tom Dedin Jr. Our small effort that night really helped the SCC Core Team concentrate on packing up the books that were donated for children's libraries in Kenya.

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

We paid bills totaling \$1183.44. \$63.46 to Todd Mullen for Christmas Party beverages; \$159.30 to Ed Lindeman for Alter Servers party; \$194.93 to Tom Lyons for Newsletter printing and postage; \$240.00 to D & J Solutions for Estes Park retreat scholarships, \$301.75 to KC Supreme and \$224.00 to Monograms To Go for shirts and jackets.

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

**February 9 and 10:** we'll be serving coffee and doughnuts after all the weekend Masses at the Ministry Fair. The Knights will also have an information table to inform men of our work and the Knights of Columbus organization. This is a project where we need your help for an hour or so after the Mass you attend that weekend. Please contact Troy Hayes at 303-456-8832.

**Also on February 9 and 10,** we'll be selling tickets to the February 15 Fish Fry at the Gathering Space Counter. Again, just a short bit of time after Mass is all we need. Contact David Dudden at 303-940-6992 to help.

## **Finally – the Fish Fry on Friday February 15.**

We'll start cooking potatoes about 1:00 pm, then the fish around 4:00 pm. We'll be serving from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm so families can go to the Stations of Cross starting at 7:00 pm. This is a project where we need everyone to help: Knights, Ladies and Children can all help make the work fun, easy and fast. It is impossible to have too much help. Please call David Dudden to let him know you can give us a hand: 303-940-6992. Or, just come to help.

## **Knight & Family of the Month:**

**David Dudden** is recognized as our Knight of the Month for January. David is a Charter member of Council 12979 and has been a visible and effective leader from the first organizational meeting in October 2000. He has served as Deputy Grand Knight, Grand Knight and Trustee. He has also served as the District Deputy for District 22 for the past three years. David has been invaluable as our on-going leader for the Adams County Fund Raiser and our Lenten Fish Fries. David is well respected throughout the parish and his good attitude is a key reason that we have a positive relationship with the Spirit of Christ staff. From a Grand Knight's perspective I can honestly say that I rely on no one more than David for advice and good counsel.

**The Troy Hayes Family** is recognized as our January Family of the Month. Troy is a Charter member of the Council and has served in numerous Officer positions, currently as Three Year Trustee. Over the years the whole Hayes Family: Troy, Patti, Chelsea, Amy, Sarah and Shelby have been faithful helpers at Pancake Breakfasts, Fish Fries, and the Adams County Fundraiser. It was especially cool to see the Hayes Family loading up their trailer with food for 10 families at Thanksgiving and Christmas. Then, they had to follow Sister Molly (not an easy thing to do!) to locate the migrant families around Brighton who were desperate for the food. Good job Troy!

**Congratulations David and Troy!**

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 January Sad Knight is Jim Gumpert. The pot for the February 12 meeting is \$275.

**For the Good of the Order:**

Prayers at our January meeting were said for the Seminarians we support: Brother Dan Dougherty, Byron Norton and Cletus Omode; the young adults we help in missionary work Bridget Quinn and Sarah Odsmondson and others as follows: Aime LaFosse, Joe Weber, Gene Meis, Mike Phelan, Leona Boespflug, Joe Feldman, Charlie Sheridan, Wade Sualter, Georgeen Katz, Connie Mullen, Richard Carson, Sister Ono, the students of Benedictine College, and all Special Intentions. We also included in our prayers the family that Troy Hayes met while delivering food baskets near Hudson who lost their husband and father in a construction accident just before Christmas.

**We are too romantic !**

In recognition of the fact that Valentine's Day falls on our usual Business Meeting evening, we going to meet on February 12 (Tuesday). Rosary as usual at 7:00 pm; meeting room TBD. This means you have Thursday to recognize that special Lady in your life. **Don't forget.**

**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:

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:**

Feb 26th meeting, St Anne's Room, 7pm

# **GREETINGS FROM YOUR FIELD**

## **AGENT**

We have some good news and some bad news.

First, the Good news:

### **Knights of Columbus insurance set three new records in 2007**

*Insurance in force tops \$66 billion; monthly, yearly sales are best ever*

**New Haven, CT - January 2, 2008** - Knights of Columbus life insurance in force reached \$66.1 billion at the end of 2007, setting a new all-time record, Supreme Knight and Chief Executive Officer Carl A. Anderson announced today. It was the seventh consecutive year of insurance sales growth for the Order.

"The year 2007 was a very strong year for us," Anderson said. "Not only did we set a new record for insurance in force, but it was a record year for life insurance sales, which totaled \$6.564 billion. And December 2007 was our best month ever, adding \$864.1 million of new life insurance coverage for our members and their families. Our insurance sales for December 2007 exceeded the amount sold during *the entire year* in 1978."

Now the bad news:

In my councils alone, five Knights ranging in age from 43 to 78 died in the last two weeks. Four of

them were under 60 years old. Only three had insurance with the Knights. One had a New Member plan, which was not enough. One had a small term policy and the other a \$10,000 plan which had grown to \$50,000 since he took it out which shows it helps to start early. The other two families have asked their councils for financial help. Would you give if you were asked to help a brother Knight's family? Are you an Insured Member of the Knights of Columbus? Do you have enough Insurance? Is it the right kind of Insurance?

Our founder, Fr. Michael J. McGivney, believed strongly that we should provide every Catholic man with the means to protect his family from financial ruin by offering a sound, professionally-run life insurance program. The size and strength of our insurance program is a worthy testament to his far-sighted vision.

As insured members we are not only helping ourselves but helping our brother Knights and their families left behind.

**We do not do our actions to earn Heaven,  
because we can't.**

**It has already been given to us. We act to thank  
GOD.**

Vivat Jesus,  
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